

April 10, 2006

CMIC CONNECTION

A Monthly News Service from the Division of Communications for Norfolk Civic Organizations

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FROM THE CITY OF NORFOLK

The City of Norfolk has a real estate tax relief program for senior and for disabled citizens. The program is designed to reduce the living expenses of senior and disabled homeowners who have given so much to their community.

To qualify for this program, you must complete an application by June 1 of each year. To be eligible for relief in 2006:

1. You must be 65 years of age or older, or totally and permanently disabled.
2. You must live in the home to be exempted from the real estate tax.
3. The combined income of owners and all relatives living in the home cannot exceed \$50,000 gross income per year *
4. Your net worth cannot exceed \$200,000.* THE VALUE OF YOUR HOUSE IS **NOT** INCLUDED IN THIS CALCULATION.

** At the request of City Council, the General Assembly approved changes in the Real Estate Tax Relief program for 2007. Beginning next year, disabled or elderly homeowners will be eligible to apply for the program if their income does not exceed \$52,000; and their net worth – excluding their house – does not exceed \$350,000.*

Real estate tax relief is granted on a sliding scale, ranging from 100 percent (combined income no greater than \$19,228) to 10 percent (combined income no greater than \$50,000). This program is administered through the Commissioner of Revenue. To apply, or if you have questions, call 757-441-1502; visit the office at 922 West 21st street in Norfolk; or visit the website at www.norfolk.gov/revenue. Remember, you must apply by June 1, 2006 to qualify for tax relief this year.

APRIL IS POTHOLE REPORTING AND REPAIR MONTH

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DID YOU KNOW? Last year, Streets and Bridges repaired 4,867 potholes in April.

The month of April is set aside specifically for pothole repair in the City of Norfolk. The Streets and Bridges crews make sure all potholes reported to the City are repaired by the end of April. While you are encouraged to report potholes during the month of April; potholes are repaired throughout the year. You may call, e-mail, or write at any time to report potholes.

To report potholes, contact the Department of Public Works' Division of Streets and Bridges customer service at 823-4050 or visit www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/report_pothole.asp. You may also write to the City of Norfolk, Department of Public Works, Division of Streets and Bridges, 2205 McKann., Norfolk, VA 23509.

NORFOLK SCHEDULES COMMUNITY DAYS AS PART OF SPRING CLEAN-UP

The city is working with four neighborhoods to hold Community Day's to engage the community in an activity that benefits each neighborhood. The Community Days are an off-shoot of the Safe Streets Initiative and is an addition to the annual cleanup campaigns produced by the Norfolk Environmental Commission. This activity is the City's outreach effort which we hope will install community pride in each of the selected neighborhoods. It also gives the City and opportunity to work with residents to educate them the proper care and upkeep of their properties. These efforts are spearheaded by the Department of Neighborhood Preservation along with the assistance from other City Agencies, such as Public Works, Police, Fire, Health Department and others.

As part of the Safe Streets initiative, City Departments are working with the four **selected** neighborhoods of Park Place, Lindenwood, Olde Huntersville, and Denby Park on what we hope will become a long-term environmental program. As the kick-off to this program, a one-day clean-up and celebration is being planned by each neighborhood. Dates of these events:

Park Place – April 29

Lindenwood - May 6

Denby Park – May 13

Huntersville Coalition – August 12

Clean-ups will begin at approximately 9:00 on these days, with the celebration/picnic right afterward, at about 11:30. Times will become more solid as planning proceeds in each neighborhood.

A HEALTHY LIFE, CELEBRATED DAILY!

KEEP NORFOLK BEAUTIFUL RALLIES VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2006 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™

Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB) volunteers will improve the quality of life in Norfolk as they clean up litter-strewn streets and waterways, and fix up and beautify public spaces during Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup™, the nation's largest annual community improvement program between now and June 10. Events include Earth Day (April 22nd), Electronic Recycling Day (May 20th), and Clean the Bay Day (June 10th). Civic organizations, youth groups, businesses and individuals are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and support clean communities. To volunteer, call 441-1347, or go to www.norfolkbeautiful.org.

As an exciting addition, this year's local spokesperson is David Wright, Hampton Roads native and third baseman for the New York Mets! Sponsored by HRClean, public service announcements showcasing Wright's support of the campaign will begin airing in March.

In 2006, the Great American Cleanup is expected to involve close to 3 million people, volunteering more than 8 million hours to clean, beautify and improve 15,000 communities during 30,000 events from coast to coast in all 50 states. Activities will include beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning seashores and waterways, handling recycling collections, picking up litter, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs and litter-free events.

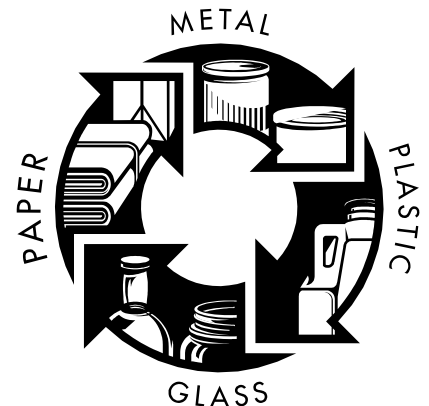
Last year in Norfolk 7400 volunteers collected more than 77,000lbs. of litter and debris!

In addition, according to a 2005 Keep America Beautiful survey, 92 percent of Great American Cleanup organizers noted that their communities, neighborhoods and residents felt safer after volunteers united to clean and beautify the local environment.

Dear Civic Leader,

Each year Keep Norfolk Beautiful recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that are exemplary stewards of the environment. This could include (but is not limited to) recycling efforts, clean-up programs, beautification, or general environmentally-friendly practices.

We would like your input as to any unsung heroes that you might be aware of so that we can honor these people who truly make a difference. Included is an application and guidelines for entry.



Applications must be returned by May 15th, with awards presented at the Clean City Cookout on June 23rd, 4-6PM.

Thanks for your help.
Respectfully,
Barbara Scott
KNB Commissioner

NOTE: the information packet is at the end of civic connection

ELIGIBLE SENIORS CAN RECEIVE \$40 IN CHECKS REDEEMABLE AT PARTICIPATING FARMER'S MARKETS AND ROADSIDE PRODUCE STANDS

Eligible seniors in Norfolk, Franklin, Suffolk, and Isle of Wight and Southampton counties who register by May 6 can enjoy a bounty of fresh fruits and vegetables this summer and fall – thanks to the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program.

A partnership between the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Virginia Department of Aging (VDA), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia, the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program provides eligible seniors with \$40 in "checks" they can redeem at participating farmer's markets and roadside produce stands from June 29 through Nov. 17, 2006.

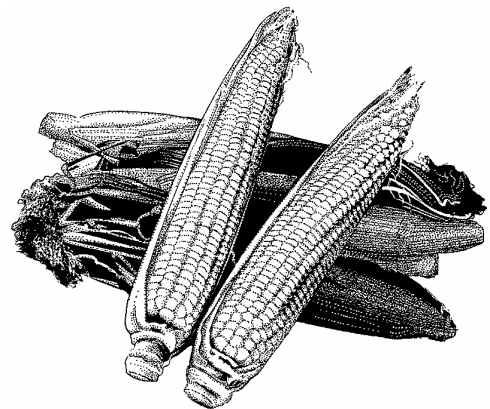
The program is supported with \$66,360 from the USDA. Last year, nearly 2,100 seniors enrolled.

Beginning April 3 seniors interested in the 2006 program can enroll until all applications are distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The application deadline is May 6. Seniors should call their participating local Senior Services office to schedule an application appointment.

Participants must be 60 years or older with an income level of approximately \$17,150 annually for one-person households.

Participants receive \$40 in "checks" from their designated Nutrition Center that they can use to shop for locally grown produce at participating farmer's markets and roadside stands. Qualified homebound customers can also participate in the program if they sign their checks and authorize someone to pick up the produce for them.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program checks can be used for such eligible foods as fresh and unprocessed fruits, vegetables and herbs grown locally and sold by the grower, as stipulated by the USDA. These include: broccoli, cabbage, cucumbers, eggplant, greens, green or snap beans, green peppers lima beans (shelled and unshelled),



potatoes (Irish or round white), pumpkins, spinach, squash (fall, winter and summer-types), sweet corn, sweet potatoes and tomatoes.

Fruits include: apples, blackberries, cantaloupe, nectarines, peaches, pears, strawberries and watermelons, as well as fresh herbs.

Both the recipient and the farmer must sign each check to ensure that only authorized farmers and seniors redeem them.

A private, non-profit organization, Senior Services provides services for older citizens in Hampton Roads cities and counties. As part of its health and meal program, Senior Services provides home-delivered meals and operates congregate meal centers for qualified seniors throughout Hampton Roads.

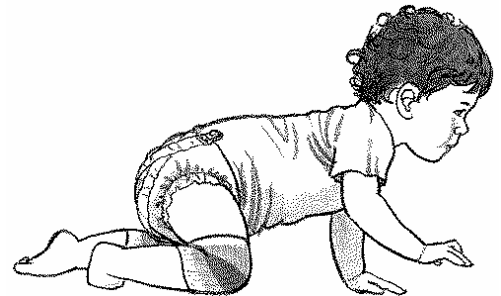
To schedule an appointment to apply for the Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program, seniors can call the Senior Services office in their city/county of residence. The City of Norfolk Nutrition Department is open Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Services Office, 6350 Center Drive Bldg 5, Norfolk, VA 23502 757-461-9481 ext. 125

NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO HOLD INFANT IMMUNIZATION CLINICS, CELEBRATIONS, APRIL 22 – 29

In the observance of National Infant Immunization Week, April 22 – 29, 2006, the Norfolk Department of Public Health is inviting parents to “Love, Protect and Immunize” their children by presenting several special immunization events. Immunization clinics will be held at the Hunton Y.M.C.A., on April 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Southeastern Tidewater Opportunity Project (S.T.O.P.), on April 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and at Bayview Elementary School, on April 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Hunton Y.M.C.A. is located at 1139 East Charlotte Street. The S.T.O.P. office is located at 1401 Tidewater Drive, Suite # 1, and Bayview Elementary School is located at 1434 Bayview Boulevard.

Additionally, the Norfolk Department will be holding “Immunization Celebrations,” checking children's immunization records, at Ci Ci's Restaurant, Janaf Shopping Center, on April 22, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m., and at the new Little Creek Public Health Center, 207 East Little Creek Road, on April 28, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Plenty of fun, goodies and games will be available at both of these events.

As parents are invited to “Love, Protect and Immunize” their children during National Infant Immunization Week, they are asked to bring their children's immunization records to each of these events. For further information on the immunization clinics and the “Immunization Celebrations,” please call the Norfolk Department of Public Health at (757) 683-2780.

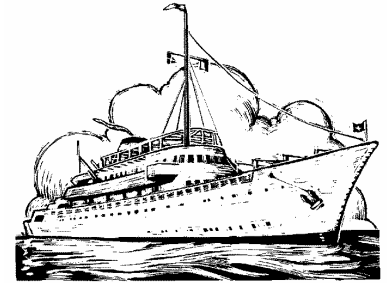


NORFOLK'S CRUISE INDUSTRY FEATURED IN TRAVEL MAGAZINE

Cruise Travel, the world's leading cruise vacation magazine, has a four page article on Norfolk's cruise industry in its April 2006 edition. The City's cruise industry is cited as an up in-coming player in this rapidly growing business.

The article identifies Norfolk as the gateway to colonial Virginia and focuses on the many offerings available to cruise travelers, especially those living within a day's drive of the City. Additionally, the article discusses and provides a rendering of the new \$36 million cruise terminal now under construction.

While the new cruise terminal is one of the focuses of the article; travel writer Lynn Seden makes a special note to potential travelers that they do not need to wait for the 2007 opening to enjoy the amenities available in our water-oriented city.



CITY SELLS WASTEWATER BONDS

The City has sold \$11,500,000 in Wastewater General Obligation Bonds using a federally subsidized interest rate loan program administered by the Virginia Resources Authority for the third year. The bonds carry an interest rate of 3.0% and are payable over a period of 20 years. Proceeds of the loan will be drawn by the City to reimburse qualified costs of Wastewater Utility projects throughout the City of Norfolk.

ST. PAUL'S QUADRANT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETS

The City's St. Paul's Quadrant Steering Committee held its first meeting recently to review the proposed scope of services for the project. Significant progress was made in finalizing the scope of work.

The committee members are Mayor Fraim, Vice Mayor Hester, NRHA Chair Shep Miller, as well as a yet to be named second NRHA commissioner. Additionally, City Manager Regina Williams and Assistant City Manager Stanley Stein, along with Shurl Montgomery, serve on the steering committee. Other staff members from both the City and NRHA will be brought into the process as needed.

The study is expected to last 10 months and is divided into four phases:

- Phase I - Analysis,
- Phase II –Vision,
- Phase III – Draft Strategic Plan, and
- Phase IV – Final Strategic Plan and Implementation Strategy.

CITY FEATURED AS PART OF PROFILE ON HAMPTON ROADS

Norfolk was featured in a recent article in the *US Airways* magazine. This magazine reaches 1.7 million business and leisure travelers each month. Due to its recent merger with American West Airlines, US Airways is now the nation's 5th largest carrier operating 4,386 daily flights to over 200 cities in 36 countries. The 22 page section was entitled "Profile: Virginia Beach, Norfolk & South Hampton Roads." The magazine's spotlight on Norfolk focused on the City's urban renaissance and high quality of life. Ongoing economic development is featured as well as the prominence of arts in our community, the diverse nightlife and the expanding housing options City-wide.

NEW BOOK WILL FEATURE DESIGN IDEAS FOR NORFOLK CRAFTSMAN AND BUNGALOW STYLE HOMES

In an effort to promote the updating and marketability of these post-World War II home styles which is prevalent throughout Norfolk, the Norfolk Design Center is in the process of finalizing the first edition of a house plan book. This book will illustrate how this housing style can be tailored to meet the needs of today's homebuyers. It will serve as a complement to the City's award winning "Norfolk Pattern Book" (see attached Washington Post article). The book entitled "Norfolk's Cottage and Ranch Plan Book" will offer step-by-step procedures for homeowners who are interested in renovating or adding on to their homes. The book will also be a resource for individuals interested in constructing a new house that meets the characteristics of existing neighborhoods. The new plan book will be available for public distribution this summer.

BAY BREEZE POINT PROVIDES NEW PUBLIC ACCESS TO BEACH

Access to the Beach adjacent to the new Bay Breeze Point development has been in the past restricted due to the dunes system that separated the complex from the beach. In an effort to improve public access as well as protect the dunes, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Planning's Bureau of Environmental Services designed a new beach access within the subdivision that is now substantially complete and open to the public. Remaining items to be completed include connecting sidewalks, landscaping and signage. It is anticipated that the entire project will be finished by the end of April.

The new access is six feet wide and features a 160-foot long concrete sidewalk leading from Bay Point Drive. There is also a connecting 230-foot long elevated timber access over the dunes to the beachfront.



“FAMOUS AMOS” FOUNDER IS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT NPS PARENT UNIVERSITY SET FOR APRIL 22

Wally Amos, entrepreneur, author, and founder of “Famous Amos” chocolate chip cookie company is the keynote speaker for Norfolk Public Schools’ Parent University, to be held Saturday, April 22nd, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Norview High School (6501 Chesapeake Blvd., Norfolk). Mr. Amos will share his story of how he lost everything, including his name, but was able to turn adversity into opportunity. He will give recipes for inspirational living through his experiences and positive outlook on life, as explained in his books, *The Cookie Never Crumbles* and *the Power in You — Ten Secret Ingredients to Inner Strength*, *The Man with No Name*, and *Watermelon Magic*.

A variety of workshops will be available for attendees, including tips on helping children with math, science, and reading; dealing with homework; English as a Second Language; positive male role models and fathering issues; internet safety; and much more. Special sessions will provide parents with guidance concerning graduation and college funding. Representatives from a variety of community resources will have information and materials on display throughout the morning.

ALL families who have students in NPS are encouraged to attend. Parents and caregivers with students enrolled for the next school year are encouraged to attend also. Those who pre-register by April 6th receive free a commemorative gift bag, bus transportation, and child-care for children 3 years and older while parents are attending workshops. Beginning at 8 a.m., a continental breakfast will be available for all. There is no cost to attend.

Registration forms are available in all Norfolk public schools and online at: www.nps.k12.va.us. Walk-in registration is available on the day of the conference.

EAST BEACH HARBOR

The City Council and City Planning Commission held a joint meeting in March to discuss and for Council to approve rezoning for East Beach Harbor. East Beach Harbor is identified as that area on the south side of Pretty Lake Avenue along the waterfront between Shore Drive and Bay Breeze Point. Currently is it zoned industrial and marinas. After considerable work with UDA on design guidelines and with property owners and other stakeholders, we have zoning text changes to recommend that will result in a mixed use zoning that would include residential, commercial and marinas. Additionally, the orientation of the area is designed to provide excellent public access and view corridors.

Plan Purpose and Approach

- Continue revitalization efforts in Ocean View initiated in the late 1980’s.
- Urban Land Institute Study prompted the development of a Master Plan for Ocean View

- Ocean View Corridor Study completed in Jan. 2002 provides a framework for improvements to 2011.
- Market study supports the concept of “village centers” at gateway locations to Ocean View.
- These “village centers” would have a unique character and include a mix of uses near the waterfront. The uses would complement adjacent residential communities with regional market draw.

East Beach Harbor Mixed Use Waterfront District Development Guidelines, Jan. 2006
UDA work further refined the village center concept for the Shore Drive/Pretty Lake area. Project area includes approx. 15 acres south of Pretty Lake Avenue from the Shore Drive Bridge east to Bay Point Marina.

Current Land Uses

- Several marinas, boat storage, restaurant
- Zoning is waterfront industrial, I-4.
- Lower density industrial uses and boat storage on the waterfront fails to capitalize on the area’s full potential; residential not permitted

Proposed Mixed Use District

- Residential, commercial, some office with waterfront connections will promote the area as a special place to work, live, and visit.

District Character Areas

- Area appeal focuses on proximity to East Beach and the Little Creek channel.
- Desire to promote the area as an extension of East Beach:
 - complementary building design,
 - similar streetscape features, and
 - view corridors and access to the waterfront.
- UDA recommends two distinct areas: East Beach Character Area and the Harbor Character Area. Although similar, each area will have separate development standards in the Zoning Ordinance to guide redevelopment in the area.

East Beach Area

- 3 – 4 story buildings, with residential units over retail, office, and restaurants, line Pretty Lake Ave.
- Larger buildings are articulated in a smaller, pedestrian scale.

Urban Design Principles

1. Promote development in a “village center” scale

- Parking is considered secondary to architecture and land use.
- The preferable location of parking is in the middle of the block surrounded by active uses.
- Vehicular access into interior parking should be provided from a drive off Pretty Lake Avenue.
- Building heights are regulated to help control the form and character of public spaces. The height of buildings are reflective of the scale of East Beach to promote pedestrian friendly streets and views.

2. Build upon the architectural traditions of the waterfront and East Beach

- Three building types are recommended for East Beach Harbor: mixed use buildings, townhouse buildings, and wharf buildings.
- Buildings are to have a proportion in design (base, middle, and top)
- Classically proportioned windows; windows and glass make up a large percentage of the façade
- Promote a unique and interesting building design from block to block although the building itself could be in a long building form.
- Utilize elements from East Beach including porches, bay windows, balconies, canopies, and roof elements.
- Design guidelines for each building type are provided in a separate document.

3. Enhance the Character of Public Spaces

- Providing open space linkages, and view corridors to the waterfront, contributes to a community's livability and desirability.

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General Plan Amendment

The General Plan amendment will change the land use designation in the area defined as East Beach Harbor from commercial, office, and limited open space to mixed use. This new district will include a variety of uses such as residential, retail, office, and restaurants that will maximize the development potential of this area in a manner respective of the Pretty Lake waterfront and compatible with the East Beach community.

Create the East Beach Harbor Mixed Use District

Two alternative approaches to development:

- Comply with EBH design standards
- Do not comply with EBH design standards: take special exception route

All properties shall be regulated with regard to:

- Building/façade zones
- Building height (number of stories)
- Open space
- Parking zones
- Signage

Project design standards compliance route to development

- Projects will be reviewed by staff for satisfaction of East Beach Harbor Development Compliance Certificate (EBHDCC) standards
- Proposed construction will have staff report and be reviewed by the Design Review Committee and the Planning Commission for compliance with EBHDCC design standards
- Compliant projects will receive height benefit and simplified, expedited approach

- Two ways to determine projects not seeking Compliance Certificate:
- Applicant knows from outset he will follow special exception route
- Planning Commission determines that project does not comply with design standards
- Projects not meeting the stated design standards at outset or during process will apply for a special exception.
- Two story building residential over commercial permitted by right; other uses require special exception approval.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TO IMPROVE AMONG HAMPTON ROADS CITIES

The Hampton Roads Planning District Commission approved a “governance model” for the operation of the renamed the Hampton Roads Tactical Regional Area Network (TacRAN). The network is funded by a \$6 million Port Security grant awarded to HRPDC and it will consist of a “high-speed” microwave communications network specifically designed to:

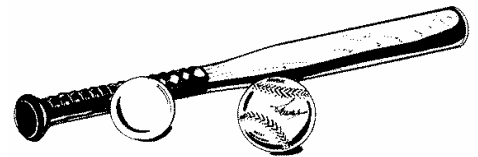
- Enhance the ability of local government officials to communicate with the federal and state agencies involved in port security;
- Enhance vertical communications between first responders, EOCs, and policy-level officials in response to large-scale emergencies affecting multiple jurisdictions; and
- Enhance capability to inform the public during a major emergency (initial alert to public, amplifying information and emergency instructions, and public statements by elected and other senior officials).

The Hampton Roads TacRAN will tie together the Emergency Operations Centers for the 16 local jurisdictions in Hampton Roads and the Coast Guard Operations Center; thereby, providing emergency managers, local government officials, and the Coast Guard with a highly reliable and secure means of communicating and sharing information in time of need. The local jurisdictions and the Coast Guard will also be linked, via the network, to WHRO, which has partnered with HRPDC to improve the ability to get information to the public during an emergency. Microwave dishes to support Norfolk's access to the network were installed on the City Hall communications tower this month and HRPDC expects the system to be operational by May 31, 2006.

The governance model established the Hampton Roads Interoperable Communications Advisory Committee will provide the HRPDC with guidance and recommendations related to management, operation, and sustainability of this important regional network. The Advisory Committee will also be working to improve the interoperable communications capabilities of the region's public safety agencies.

CITY PREPARING FOR FIRST CHALLENGER BASEBALL JAMBOREE

City staff is working collaboratively with representatives from Virginia District 8 to make the Azalea Little League Complex (behind the Norfolk Industrial Park) for the first "Challenger Little League Baseball World Jamboree". The Challenger Division Jamboree, which is scheduled to be held in Norfolk from May 11 through May 14, is the National Little League's program for mentally and physically disabled children ages 5 through 18. Up to 5,000 youth from as far away as Canada and Puerto Rico are expected to participate in this inaugural event that will also include a variety of special events games, tours and picnics.



The City is in the process of completing renovations to the Little League building at the complex. The renovations include: expansion of, and providing ADA accessibility, to both the men's and women's restrooms and enhancements to the building so as to improve the functionality of its space. Other improvements which have been completed or will be completed in time for the tournament include:

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- Baseball field fencing and backstops have been repaired or replaced on seven of the fields at the complex
- Nearly 100 of the old, splintered bleacher sitting boards have been replaced; and
- A large mound of dirt (the width of a football field) was removed and leveled to create enough usable space to add an additional baseball field.

Additionally, the City is supplying 30 portable ADA restroom units, and (3) large air-conditioned restroom trailers at the complex over the tournament weekend.

WATER SALE TO CHESAPEAKE BEGINS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The City has begun selling seven million gallons per day (mgd) of raw (untreated) water to the City of Chesapeake. The City, as you may recall, entered into a contract in 2002 that would provide Chesapeake with seven (7) mgd of raw water on a take or pay basis beginning July 1, 2006. The contract specifies a minimum of seven mgd, which may be increased to ten mgd if both parties agree.

CDBG PROGRAM FUNDS PARK PLACE ADA IMPROVEMENTS

Phase II construction of the Park Place Americans with Disabilities Act improvement project is underway. Funded by an \$180,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from FY2006, the project will provide accessible routes within the rights-of-way for mobility-impaired and visually impaired pedestrians.

Phase II work consists of installing curb ramps, curb, and sidewalk along arterial roadways in Park Place on Llewellyn Avenue from 23rd Street to 31st Street; 26th Street from Monticello Avenue to Gazel Street; and 27th Street from Gosnold Avenue to Armistead Avenue. Phase I work completed in January consisted of new curb, curb ramps, and sidewalk on Colley Avenue from 25th Street to 38th Street, and on Llewellyn Avenue from 32nd Street to 38th Street.

GHENT ECONOMIC AND MARKET STUDY

The City has retained Basile Baumann Prost & Associates to develop and update an economic and market study of the Ghent Business District. The Ghent Business District is generally defined as the area bounded by Hampton Boulevard on the west, the railroad tracks on the north, Monticello Avenue on the east and Princess Anne Road on the south. The business area is centered on Colley Avenue and 21st Street.

The report is intended to identify trends, issues and opportunities in the study area, analyzing the current and future market for commercial, including retail, selected office, service and medical uses, industrial and residential uses. The study will recommend:

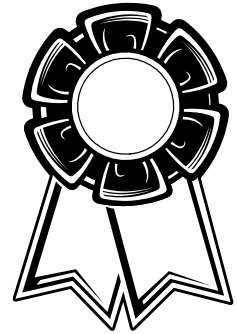
- A preferred mix of land uses based on the market finding;,
- Evaluate the appropriateness of current or potential regulations based on the market impact; and
- Suggest any changes to the Pedestrian Commercial Overlay District boundaries.

The process will include extensive stakeholder input to include property owners, tenants in the district, investors, and civic leagues in and around the area. Additionally, market research will be accomplished within the next several weeks. The consultants intend to return to Norfolk to present their research and key findings to members of the

Ghent Business Association and the Ghent Task Force on May 11th and 12th respectively. The final presentation and report is scheduled in June.

PACE SETTERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME

The National Crime Prevention Coalition has awarded the following individuals and groups for their outstanding work in the effort to fight crime and causes of crime in Norfolk.



2006 Barbara Davis Volunteer Award - Abdul Aswad

Our Barbara Davis Volunteer Award recipient “never takes credit,” according to a nominator. “He is more of a ‘behind-the-scene’ guy when it comes to the big project. But his motivation keeps us as youth inspired to do so much.”

He has been the key organizer for the Hampton Roads Youth Leadership Conference – attended by literally hundreds of teens and even their parents - for years, but he continues to give all the credit to his youth. He recruited several youth groups to help with the event, encouraged them to share ideas and create interesting work session. He set up youth facilitator training and urged youth to research workshop topics.

Our award winner attracted inspirational leaders and, through his leadership, developed an exciting schedule of workshops dealing with the important topics of effects of hip-hop and contemporary music, education and careers, gun violence prevention, leadership development and community/school gangs.

Said one nominator of our winner, “he shows a depth of understanding and a breadth of knowledge that works very well as he relates to young people. He is caring , sincere, trustworthy, fair and honest.” No wonder he has had such an impact on our kids!

Last year, he received a Martin Luther King Community Service Award from the Urban League of Hampton Roads for promoting youth and adults to resolve crime and related issues by non-violent collaborative initiatives.

He coordinates youth summer jobs, tutorial network services and a mentoring program. He is the chairman of the non-profit organization Children of the Sun Athletic/Education Foundation and is head soccer coach at Lake Taylor Middle School- All this, after retiring from Norfolk Southern Corporation.

2006 City Employee Award - Janice Boyd, Lead Security Officer at Lake Taylor Middle School

Our next winner believes in being very visible. That’s probably a good thing since our City Employee Award winner has the responsibility for the safety and security of hundreds of students and teachers.

Our Award winner's strongest attribute is the relationships she establishes with teachers, parents and students. At the beginning of the year, she meets with staff to discuss measures they can take to help prevent crime – for instance, encouraging staff to conceal belongings to prevent theft from autos. Our winner also encourages the reporting of any suspicious activity and disciplinary concerns to administration for immediate response.

No where does our award recipient better shine than in her strong rapport with the students. According to her nominator, "she has taken a pro-active role by mentoring many students." She has used various resources to provide food, clothing and support for the families of the students she mentors.

She has helped parents locate runaways and makes home visits. She also makes home visits to ease the fear a parent may have of danger to a child. During the school day, she visits classrooms to make sure students are learning and personally provides school supplies for students who are unprepared for class. She makes herself accessible to all students by allowing them to come to her when they have a concern or a problem.

Her strong relationship with students has resulted in a significant reduction of disciplinary and law violations from previous years, an accomplishment that has already been recognized by the School Board.

2006 Group Service Award – Norfolk Drug Court

Ask anyone in law enforcement and they will tell you that drug abuse is one of our most vexing problems. Addiction leads many people into criminal activity . . . and the lure of illegal drugs makes it terribly difficult for people to become productive members of society when they leave prison.

That is why the work done by this year's PACE Setters Group Service Award winner is so important. Over the last 7 years, just 2 percent of the addicted offenders participating in this group's program have been re-arrested. ..

More than 200 addicted offenders have completed the program, far more than the national average of similar programs. Random weekly testing shows that 98 percent of the participants are drug free from illegal substances.

The most important statistic is this: over 90 percent of the participants are employed or providing supervised community service.

Said one nominator:

"Recently I attended a graduation ceremony . . . As I listened to the three graduates who told their stories of success, I became keenly aware of the value of this program. These individuals told of their addiction and how it controlled their lives, including one who repeatedly ran afoul of the law in an effort to feed that addiction. Each went on to explain how this program enabled them to beat their addiction and lead productive, drug free lives."

How does this year's award winner do it? First, by providing intensive substance abuse counseling and probation supervision. Our award winners partner with agencies

across the city to draft solutions to each individual's problems. But more than that...they have faith in their clients. And they never, ever, give up, even when the program rules are broken and they must reincarcerate the offender. Our Award winners give hope where there was none before, and they help their clients recognize that by taking personal responsibility for their actions, they can actually take back control of their own lives.

2006 Law Enforcement Crime Prevention Award - Officer W. T. Gibson.

Preventing crime often requires the skill to connect a wide range of people to knowledge of the community to historical information. The PACE Setter Law Enforcement Award winner used just about every tool in the Norfolk Police Department tool box to bring an early end to a major car theft ring in Ocean View.

It started when he found a parked, stolen car while patrolling in the neighborhood. He arrested two nearby suspects.

That was only the beginning. When detectives responded to the scene, our award winner was able to recall, from memory, specific other stolen vehicles, dates and nearby locations of recovery. He also told the detectives of two recent vehicle pursuits involving stolen cars where the suspects fled on foot to this neighborhood.

Thanks to his contacts in the neighborhood, our award winner was able to provide detectives with identifying information of the suspects and their friends. With the information provided by our award winner, detectives were able to expand the scope of their investigation and a total of five suspects were arrested on a total of 29 felony charges. Virginia Beach police also conducted an investigation and charged this car theft ring for several of their stolen vehicles.

In the search for these suspects, our award winner personally arrested one suspect and, thanks to his rapport with the residents, contributed to the arrest of two more?

"Without the officer both identifying the problem of stolen cars being abandoned in his district, coupled with his vigilance in finding the car stolen on July 13 and arresting the suspects, a major car theft ring might still be operating in the Ocean View area," asserts his nominator. Talk about preventing crime!

Community Policing is at its core good crime prevention. Our award winner not only knows that; he lives it. Again quoting his nominator:

"In order for the PACE concept to work, it takes citizens cooperating with police. Our award winner certainly upheld his end of that relationship."

2006 Youth Award - Clifton Albert Carney.

Our next award winner should be encouraging to anyone worried about today's young people. Our PACE Setter Youth Award winner is already deeply involved in the community, using his time and talents to build a better Norfolk.

Our youth award winner is the youngest member of the Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association, which he joined after going through the Citizen Police Academy - not once, but a second time after the academy added some courses he wanted to attend.

While our award winner is delivering the civic league newsletters in his neighborhood, he takes time to meet the new neighbors and invite them to civic league meetings. He also promotes the Police Academy to his neighbors.

Fundraising is the lifeblood of many of the organizations that are so important to our City. Our winner has been pitching in to help for more than 10 years. Among the beneficiaries of his volunteerism are the Vietnam Veterans of America, Cerebral Palsy, Bayview Senior club, and various school programs. Did I mention he is a member of the Sons of the American Legion and was the Junior Member of the Year in 2004? Even his newest interest, the Police Academy Alumni Association (CPAAAN), has twice benefited from our winner's fundraising capabilities.

He will receive a 500 hours pin this year for volunteering for the Veterans Hospital Bingo in Hampton. He also volunteers for Law and Order Night honoring police officers and firefighters.

His main focus is not only to try to set an example for other young people, but to try to influence his peers to be good citizens. He works every day to make someone smile who is having a bad day and to show by example that when you volunteer, you don't have time to get into trouble.

John Roger Lifetime Achievement Award - Juanita and Lenny Snead.

Many years, the Crime Prevention Awards Committee has a difficult time choosing one winner among worthy nominations. Sometimes, it is impossible. This is such a year.

What makes this year unique is a decision to award two John Roger Lifetime Achievement Awards. This award is not given each year. It is given to those individuals who have such a record of commitment and caring in Norfolk as to make fitting them in any one category impossible.

Our first winners have, on their own, begun a campaign of kindness, enthusiasm and encouragement for the young people in their community.

This couple – yes our winners are a couple – have taken the idea of nurturing to a whole new level. In the process, they are changing lives.

“I have personally witnessed the behavior change in the many young people they encouraged and motivate,” said one of their nominators. “The change has been remarkable. From discouraged and disillusioned helplessness, I see “can do” positive attitudes.”

It all started with a garden. Using skills they learned in the Master Gardeners Course, our couple started a garden behind the Ocean View Recreation Center. They provide the tools, the seeds, and the expertise. The children provide the enthusiasm and work.

Along with learning how to plant, cultivate, harvest and prepare the vegetables that they grow, the children are given affection, discipline and incentives by our winners, who act as surrogate parents and mentors.

“A garden needs constant tending, as do children, and our winners are in a position to offer advice and council on a regular, if not daily basis. The children look up to our winners and that offers a perfect opportunity for them to keep these children on an even keel and out of trouble.

As one of their nominators said, “that is the bedrock of crime prevention, having someone to talk to, look up to and admire who will help you know right from wrong.” Our Lifetime Achievement winners offer a safe haven from negative peer pressure, a place to go, and an enjoyable and productive activity.

That’s not all. Our lifetime achievement winners solicited donations to obtain fishing rods and tackle for as many as 30 local youth. They meet with them throughout the summer, teaching them how to fish, prepare and cook the fish they catch.

Our winners organize and find food and gifts for periodic holiday dinners for the indigent and homeless of East Ocean View and adjacent areas.

“Rarely has it been our privilege to meet two people more dedicated to the cause of young people and crime prevention than these two individuals are,” said a nominator.

In concluding, the nominator paraphrased an old axiom: “Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for life.”

John Roger Lifetime achievement award – Hank Henson

When our next Lifetime Achievement Award winner retired as Norfolk’s police chief more than a decade ago, he could have relaxed, trimmed his azaleas, swum in his pool, and resumed his photography hobby. But he didn’t. Instead, he immersed himself in the life of his hometown community and kept close ties with its crime prevention and youth programs.

That only makes sense, because our Lifetime Achievement Award winner helped create the City’s first concentrated youth anti-drug program, DARE, and more importantly for those of us sitting here, is the father of Police Assisted Community Enforcement – PACE – which he helped conceive with Assistant City Manager George Crawley in 1990 and instituted as an internationally-recognized initiative.

So, what has our award winner been doing since he retired.

For years he has been a fixture at the police academy graduations, police officers’ memorial services, civic league and Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coalition meetings and others.

He is a total believer in building our youth and our communities to be strong and resilient as a deterrent to crime. He has worked with others to bring recreational opportunities to youth in the Ballentine neighborhood, participated on the Police Museum Committee and was a member of the Norfolk Police Bi-Centennial Committee, hosted

Police Explorer Scouts at his house, helped deliver Christmas baskets for years, and has sought to expand Boy Scout programs.

He has co-chaired monthly meetings of the Law Enforcement Legislative Work Group, composed of police officers who meet with local legislators on needed legislation for law enforcement. He has spoken before many groups about law enforcement issues and is always there to lend his support when the police department needs it.

Most importantly, he has been a consistent advocate for effective policing in Norfolk and the funding to ensure the success of our men and women in blue. His voice has continued to be one calm determination that when we have the will to make positive change, nothing can stand in our way.

FRANKLIN COVEY NAMES THE CITY OF NORFOLK, AS RECIPIENT OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL GREATNESS AWARD

FranklinCovey, announced The City of Norfolk, as the recipient of the Organizational Greatness Award during its 12th Annual International Symposium and Executive Conference in Washington D.C.

FranklinCovey's Greatness Awards, which were instituted in 1995, recognize clients who have affected measurable change in their organizations through the passionate, committed use of FranklinCovey tools and principles.

Bob Whitman, CEO of FranklinCovey, said, "With the high level of commitment and innovation we see practiced by our clients every day, we feel it is important to recognize them for their efforts. We are pleased to honor The City of Norfolk for dedication and service to its organization and community."

The FranklinCovey Award for Organizational Greatness recognizes an organization's commitment to sustainable performance improvement, employee satisfaction, and being a model of a learning organization. The following criteria were used to select recipients:

- The organization has a mission that is broadly accepted, supported, understood and lived by its employees and leaders.
- FranklinCovey solutions are included in an overall long-term plan in key parts of the organization in order to accomplish the job to be done.
- Leadership has made a commitment to be involved in and support the development of the workforce using FranklinCovey Solutions.
- The organization is committed to continuous improvement through assessment and measurement.
- The success is measurable.

Other categories of recognition in the Greatness Awards include: Execution Greatness, Leadership Greatness, 7 Habits Greatness, Team Greatness, Individual Greatness, and Community Service Greatness.

The FranklinCovey International Symposium and Executive Conference, was held in Washington D.C., March 2-3; and will be held in Dallas, April 18-19; in Anaheim, May 9-10; and in Chicago, June 13-14. The event sponsors include: Electronic Data Systems (EDS), Training magazine, Executive Book Summaries, Colonial Williamsburg Company and BOXLIGHT Corporation.

The FranklinCovey Executive Conference, held in conjunction with Symposium, included a series of keynotes, sessions and special events designed to infuse executive participants with new ideas, strategies and renewed motivation.

CITY OF NORFOLK - DEDICATED GENERAL FUNDS *SECOND IN A SERIES OF GENERAL BUDGET DISCUSSIONS*

Presented to City Council March 7, 2006

Purpose

Today's presentation will provide:

1. An overview of the General Fund structure
2. An overview of how Norfolk Public Schools is funded
3. The presentation is for general information; no Council action is requested or required at this time.

General Fund Budget

Almost 40 percent of revenues are earmarked for a specific purpose

General Fund Budget

- This is an overall increase of \$14.1 million or 5 percent in revenues earmarked for specific purposes.

Preliminary FY 2007 General Fund estimate follows historical trends

State and Federal pass through funds account for one-third of the estimated growth

Shared Expenses: 2.5% of the General Fund

- Approximately \$19.5 million are projected for Shared Expenses.
- The majority of these dollars fund Constitutional Officer operations.

- However, these dollars do not fund 100% of their operating costs. In order for Constitutional Officer budgets to be made whole, the city provides significant funding, such as:
- Annual staff salary supplements
- Additional staff fully funded by the city
- Fringe benefits (FICA, Health/Dental, Retirement, Insurance, leave, other programs)
- Facilities, rents, maintenance, and utilities
- Equipment and Supplies
- Vehicles and other transportation costs

Non-Categorical Aid: 4.4% of the General Fund

While Non-Categorical Aid is not earmarked for specific sources, this source does account for a significant portion of the budget.

- Approximately \$34.2 million in non-categorical aid are projected for FY 2007. The majority of these funds come from two sources:
 - Personal Property Tax Relief Act - \$16.9 million
 - HB 599 - \$13.2 million to fund local public safety services

Categorical Aid: 34.5% of the General Fund

Categorical aid is projected to account for \$265.6 million or 34.5 percent of the budget. The two major components are:

- Human Services
- Schools

Human Services

- Human Services Administration: \$23.7 million
 - Adult and Child Social Services
 - Administration
 - Self Sufficiency
- Public Assistance Grants: \$16.0 million
 - Child Foster Care
 - Adult Assistance
 - Day Care Services
 - Employment Services
 - General Relief
- Juvenile Detention Services: \$2.8 million
 - VA Crime Control
 - Secure Detention
 - Detention Alternative Programs

Sources of School Funding

Breakdown of State Operating Funds City Contribution (in millions)

Average Cost Per Student (including Pre-K)

Fiscal Year	City	\$ Growth
2007*	\$99.1	\$6.5
2006	\$92.6	\$0.7
2005	\$91.9	\$1.8
2004	\$90.0	\$1.2
2003	\$88.9	\$5.0
2002	\$83.9	\$3.0
2001	\$80.9	\$1.8
2000	\$79.0	\$1.2
1999	\$77.8	\$0.6
1998	\$77.2	-\$0.4
1997	\$77.7	\$1.3
1996	\$76.3	

* Based on Superintendent's proposed budget

NPS Budget Challenges - Capital Plan

- Replacing Coleman Place and Crossroads is expected to cost more.
- Approximately \$6 million more per school is estimated to be needed due to an increase in square footage costs.
- Approximately \$7 million has been requested to address maintenance needs in various schools.
- The average age of school buildings is 42 years.
- Impact of Schools on the City Budget
- Conclusion
- Today's presentation is for general information.
- The data provide insight into one facet of the General Fund structure.

DEMOLITION CLEARED WAY FOR NEW GATEWAY TO WILLOUGHBY

City Council invited the public to attend the start of the demolition of the old restaurant and motel at the foot of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel at Willoughby. The demolition cleared the way for privately funded construction of the "Spectrum at Willoughby Point" – the new Gateway to Norfolk. The \$200 million development will include 294 condominiums, 30 town homes and 3 loft apartments on a 15-acre site overlooking the

Chesapeake Bay. The development will also include 22,000 square feet of retail space and 79 boat slips. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer.

NORFOLK COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED OR SENIOR CITIZENS

Norfolk's Commissioner of the Revenue, Sharon M. McDonald, is now accepting applications for Real Estate Tax Relief for Senior and/or Disabled Norfolk Citizens.

The Real Estate Tax Relief for Disabled or Senior Citizens offers to help reduce or eliminate the real estate taxes for qualifying disabled or senior citizen homeowners. The exemption is granted on an annual basis. Over 3,500 households were offered real estate tax relief in 2005.

To qualify for Real Estate Tax Relief:

- You must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled;
- You must live in the property to be exempted;
- Your combined income of owners and all relatives living in home cannot exceed \$50,000 per year; and
- Your net worth, exclusive of the home, cannot exceed \$200,000.

Representatives will be at various satellite sites throughout the City of Norfolk to provide assistance in filling out the applications. Please call 441-1502 for dates and times. The deadline to submit applications is June 1st.

To receive an application or for more information, contact program coordinator Carolyn Lawrence at (757) 441-1502, or Sharon M. McDonald, Commissioner of the Revenue, at (757) 664-7888. Citizens may also visit the Real Estate Tax Relief office in the Tidewater Tech Building, 922 W. 21st St. Information, including application forms, is also available at the Commissioner of the Revenue website

<http://www.norfolk.gov/Revenue>.

SECOND CHANCES' HARBOR HOUSE PROJECT

Background/Purpose

1. Housing for ex-offenders is a significant issue – 40% of Second Chances clients are homeless/imminently homeless.

2. Stable, permanent housing with supportive services are needed for this population to reduce recidivism.

Project Overview

1. This blighted structure will be renovated to provide permanent supportive housing for 16 non-violent offenders that enter the Second Chances program.
2. Residents will contribute 30% of their income toward rent.
3. Supportive services will be provided including case management, job readiness, life skills, etc.

GRANT DETAILS

1. Second Chances, working in collaboration with the Office to End Homelessness applied for and was awarded, a \$485,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development to Rehabilitate this house.
2. House and adjoining land is being donated by the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
3. Total cost of rehabilitation was \$531,000 but the contractor (Z-Corp) donated \$111,000 back into the project as an in-kind contribution.
4. Two local manufacturers are donating all of the furniture and bedding for the house.
5. The architect (Ivy Architectural Innovations) has donated approximately \$7,000 of his fees as an in-kind contribution.

Management and Oversight

1. Project will have a Case Manager on site that doubles as the house coordinator between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00p.m. After 5:00 p.m. a resident manager will be responsible for oversight.
2. Support groups and workshops will be offered during evening hours.
3. Each potential resident will be screened using stringent standards and provided with a copy of a fully executed lease complete with an addendum of house rules. Violation of lease or house rules can result in termination/eviction.
4. An advisory board will be in place that includes the members of the Norfolk Criminal Justice board.

Operating Budget

1. The tenants' rent contributions, together with funding generated through Second Chances' business enterprise projects will fully offset the operating costs of the project, including the case manager's salary.

Neighborhood Impact

2. Located in an insulated section of the neighborhood of South Brambleton.
3. Sits roughly 100 ft. from the corner with vacant lots on either side of the property and to its immediate rear.
4. 1/8 of a mile from Harbor Park and approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile from a local ship repair yard.
5. The other surrounding properties are largely rental, in disrepair and slightly distressed.

Historic Character to be Preserved

1. Numerous original features to be restored including front porch and 1st floor interior details.
2. No SHPO/design review is required.
3. Second Chances is working voluntarily with Norfolk Preservation Alliance and has their support.

Zoning Requirements

1. Proposed site is currently zoned I-2; across the street from R-11 occupied with apartments.
2. Re-zoning is necessary. Conditional IN-1 is the proposed rezoning.
3. Entire site, including vacant parcels, would approach the 1 acre threshold for an IN-1 rezoning.

CITY UPDATES

CITY COUNCIL

RECENT CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS

- Accepted a grant of **\$182,500** from the **Administrative Office, Supreme Court of Virginia**, and **\$32,000** from substance abuse treatment services client fees, for the **Norfolk Circuit Court Adult Drug Treatment Court Program**, appropriating the grant funds and client fees, and authorizing expenditure of **\$75,000** from previously appropriated funds as a local cash match.

- Accepted an award of \$139,581 from **Four-for-Life** fund of the **Virginia Department of Health**, Office of Emergency Medical Services for emergency medical training and the purchase of emergency medical equipment and appropriating the grant funds when received,
- Accepted a grant award of \$221,797 from the **Virginia Tobacco Settlement Foundation**, for the Norfolk Life Skills Training Program, appropriating the grant funds and authorizing the provision of \$53,674.00 in in-kind services by the Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services and the Norfolk Community Services Board
- Adopted an Ordinance expressing the City of Norfolk's support of the **Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance** and authorizing the contribution of up to \$23,520 heretofore appropriated," will be introduced in writing and read by its title.
- Approved the sale to the City of Virginia Beach of certain property located near Lake Smith and Lake Lawson in the City of Virginia Beach for the sum of \$1,406,000; approved the terms of the purchase and sale agreement; and authorized the City Manager and other proper officers of the City to execute all documents and take all necessary action to convey the property to the City of Virginia Beach in accordance with the terms of the purchase and sale agreement,"
- Authorized the city as administrative and fiscal agent for the Norfolk Eligible Metropolitan Area under Title I of the Ryan White Comprehensive Aids Resources Emergency Act to accept grant funds up to the amount of \$4,726,063.00 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for HIV/AIDS health and support services and appropriating and authorizing expenditure of the grant funds
- Accepted and appropriated \$25,712 from Communications Applied Technology for the reimbursement of previously spent funds for terrorism preparedness by the Norfolk Fire-Rescue Department
- Accepted a Selective Enforcement Grant Award of \$20,000 from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles to pay police officers overtime to assist with traffic safety enforcement and purchase equipment, appropriating the grant funds when received and authorizing provision of \$4,000 in in-kind services
- Accepted a Buffer Zone Protection Program Grant Award of \$174,874, from the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, to purchase vehicles and radio equipment for the Norfolk Police Department and appropriating the grant funds when received

- Accepted and appropriated \$129,888 from the Assistance to Firefighters grant funds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to fund salaries and purchase equipment and supplies for prevention and safety for Norfolk Fire-Rescue

CIVIC FACILITIES (SEVEN VENUES)

Selden Arcade – Historic Tax Credits. Recently, the City received \$925,550 in state historic tax credits for Selden Arcade. The proceeds from the tax credits were anticipated and are being used to help fund the interior renovation and restoration of this historic facility.

Specific work includes renovation of interior areas on the first and second floor of the arcade that will create: greater flexibility and increased functionality of administrative work areas; enhanced meeting room space; and an exhibit gallery hall. We anticipate that the new Main Street curtain wall will be installed by the end of the month followed by the replacement of the glass double doors to the main arcade in March. Build out of the second floor staff offices, meeting room and exhibit gallery is expected to proceed in May and expected to be completed in 90 days barring any unknown construction issues. Additionally, Roof repair issues are currently being addressed by the contractors.

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

The Best of 2005

- The City increased funding for the Board by \$513,000. This support helped fund our work with the homeless population and supported Mental Health Court.
- The Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) earned a perfect score in its quest for three-year accreditation by CARF, an international accrediting body. CARF surveyors made no suggestions to improve the program or policies and procedures, an accomplishment achieved by only 3 percent of applicants.
- The Office of the Inspector General conducted its first review of the Emergency Services programs of Community Services Boards across the state. The OIG identified Norfolk CSB as meeting the best practices standards and described the Board's assertive outreach response to crisis, its positive relationships with community providers, and the availability of on-site staff at all times as "exemplary."
- The Board video, A Commitment to Care, was and is shown to organizations, agencies and individuals throughout Norfolk, letting them know about the Board's services and the positive impact they have on families, businesses, and neighborhoods.

- Mental Health Court and Drug Court Both of these court programs continued to rack up huge successes in 2005. Through November, Mental Health Court had 6 graduates and had served 48 individuals. These participants spent 8,736 days in the community, which amounted to a jail cost savings of \$669,000.
- Norfolk CSB was asked by the City and its criminal justice partners to assume the administration of Drug Court. They are aware that treatment works and recognize that the Board is the leader in that area. Norfolk Drug Court had 216 participants in FY 2005.
- Mental Health Hospitality Center celebrated some of their former program graduates as a part of Mental Illness Awareness Week activities in October. Several graduates shared their stories of success with the theme “Mental illness is what I have, not who I am.”
- The Reinvestment Project was initiated to provide acute psychiatric inpatient care in the community near where the individuals and their families live instead of at Eastern State Hospital, reserving ESH for individuals who cannot best be served locally. From November 2003 through September 2005, there were 3,526 admissions to local psychiatric hospitals. The average length of stay was 5.48 days with 138 individuals being referred for admission to ESH.
- HPR Region V Reinvestment Project - Norfolk is a part of HPR Region V, which received \$760,000 through a competitive application process to implement crisis stabilization services. Two center-based, two program-based (one in Norfolk), and nine home-based (one in Norfolk) are in the development stage. These services will decrease reliance on inpatient hospitalizations and keep consumers in their home communities.
- Ninety seven children graduated from the Infant Development Program in August 2005. This program is for infants from birth to 3 years of age who have or are at risk of a developmental delay. Every child who enters this program makes progress, and some are able to soar far beyond anyone’s expectation.
- Science-based Prevention & Youth programs have been expanded. Get Real About Violence is offered in 3 targeted middle schools and one elementary school, Not On Tobacco (N-O-T) has been added in all 5 high schools, as well as Family and School Together (FAST) in two elementary schools.

- The capacity of Prevention & Youth Services to provide individual and family therapy was doubled by the addition of a licensed outpatient therapist.
- Prevention & Youth Services was awarded a state grant for ACTS Program (Assessment, Coordination and Treatment Services) to provide mental health and substance abuse services to youth on site while in the Detention Center.
- Mental Retardation Day Support Waivers. These waivers are for consumers who are still on the Emergency Waiting List for Medicaid Waiver but who would benefit from utilizing day support services in the meantime. The waivers give consumers the opportunity to participate in socialization and prevocational activities that they otherwise would not be able to access.
- Qualified Peer Support Group. This peer support group for the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) affords individuals the opportunity to give something back to their community by helping other OTP patients sustain recovery and health. Similar groups are available for patients on Methadone, in Drug Court or the Ask the Doc Program.
- Expanded Community Presence. Prevention Services continued its growth in offerings to community groups and agencies throughout the City. These included health fairs, in-service trainings, prevention education, suicide prevention, National Night Out parade, Red Ribbon Week activities,
- Holiday Open House. Over 180 children and family members participated in the Infant Development Program Holiday Open House. The children loved joining activities such as decorating cookies and making picture frames. For many of the children it was their first time ever meeting Santa. It was such an honor to be a part of that family experience.
- Holiday Food Baskets and Toys. Food baskets were given to many client families this year. Staff donated nonperishable goods and money to buy perishable food for the baskets. Many staff gave generously to this project, helping to make the holidays just that much brighter for clients. Judy Boone Realty and other organizations donated a roomful of toys so that children who are clients and children of adult clients would have a happy holiday.

DESIGN CENTER

City Living, Norfolk Style Lecture Series. The Norfolk Neighborhood Design and Resource Center and the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, are sponsoring a series of lectures that cover various aspects of housing, preservation,

design, remodeling and renovation in Norfolk. **Lectures are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 in the evening at the Neighborhood Design and Resource Center located at 111 Granby Street, downtown Norfolk.**

April 20, 2006

Renovation Tax Incentives:

Historic Tax Credits and Tax Abatement

Speaker: Kim Chen, Johannes Design Center

Historic Tax credits can prove to be a valuable incentive to consider when restoring a home in a historic district. Come learn about the benefits, the process and what to expect when applying for historic tax credits. Also, Norfolk's Tax Abatement program will be discussed.

ADMISSION is FREE and open to the public. Reservations are not required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Andrew Northcutt at 664-6784 or andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov.

For a complete schedule of upcoming lectures visit:

www.norfolk.gov/planning/comehome/City_Living_Lecture_Series.asp.

Subscribe to the 'Norfolk Now Lecture' Mail List to receive email notifications on upcoming lectures by visiting: www.norfolk.gov/ListServ

FIRE-RESCUE

Norfolk Fire-Rescue Receives Firefighting Assets from Virginia Port Authority.

Norfolk Fire-Rescue is a participating agency in the Hampton Roads Maritime Incident Response Team, which works in concert with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Virginia Port Authority and other maritime industries to respond to a fire or other emergency occurring in the port. In an effort to enhance response capabilities, the Virginia Port Authority has funded a system of trucks and portable pumps that can be used to supplement firefighting efforts at incidents occurring on ships or along the waterfront. Norfolk Fire-Rescue recently took delivery of one of these units. The other two units are assigned to the Newport News and Portsmouth Fire Departments.

The portable pumps will flow up to 3,000 gallons of water per minute and can be placed on the deck of a tug or barge in the event of a major fire. These pumps are intended to improve the region's maritime firefighting capabilities until such time that funding is available to put in place the appropriate number and capacity of fire boats in the port. Norfolk's unit will be based at Fire Station #6 (Pembroke and Colley Avenues) and deployed by firefighters when needed anywhere in the city or region. In addition to

supporting maritime incidents, the pumps can be used to provide an above ground water main for firefighting purposes, should this become necessary following a hurricane or other disaster.

Norfolk Fire-Rescue to Receive a LUF 60. The Hampton Roads Fire Chiefs have been working together for several years to improve firefighting capabilities in Hampton Roads tunnels. A major fire occurring in any of the tunnels in addition to having significant impacts on the region's economy, would present area fire departments with significant challenges and risks.

A research team led by Newport News Fire Chief Ken Jones recommended that the region purchase the LUF 60, a piece of firefighting equipment that is used throughout mountainous regions of Europe to battle fires in tunnels. The LUF 60 is a self-contained remote-controlled vehicle that employs a powerful fan in conjunction with a series of small nozzles to create a high velocity fog pattern to cool super heated atmospheres in tunnel fires allowing firefighters to move in and safely extinguish the fire. With the support of Congressman Scott, funding was included in the recent federal transportation bill that will allow VDOT to purchase three of these units. The units will be staged with the following cities for use:

- ☐ Norfolk: Mid-Town and Downtown tunnels coverage;
- ☐ Hampton: Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel coverage; and
- ☐ Newport News: Monitor-Merrimac Tunnel coverage.

Norfolk's unit will be based at Fire Station #6 (Pembroke and Colley Avenues) near the entrance to the Midtown Tunnel. The unit will also be available to Norfolk to assist in fighting stubborn fires in warehouses or other high-risk operations such as a chemical storage facility. Delivery of the LUF 60 is expected in late 2006 or early 2007.

Public Education and Fire Safety Grant Awarded to Norfolk Fire-Rescue. Norfolk Fire Chief Loy Senter is seeing results from Fire-Rescue efforts to seek grants to improve public education following a number of tragic fires during FY 2004-2005. The Department of Homeland Security has awarded the department a Public Education and Fire Safety grant in the amount of \$129,888.

This grant will fund several projects including: new training materials and audio-visual equipment; a "Sparky the Fire Dog" hazard house and robotic fire engine; and most importantly \$84,000 to fund the first year salaries for two (2) public education specialists. Chief Senter has partnered with Norfolk Public Schools' superintendent Dr. Stephen Jones to have the public education specialists once they are hired, teach fire and life safety education to elementary school students. These public education specialists will also be involved in a



number of public education programs throughout the community.

LIBRARIES

System Upgrades Will Result In Service Disruptions For Library Patrons. Norfolk Public Library is in the process of moving from its current DRA software to the latest version of the SirsiDynix Unicorn system. This conversion of patron, catalog, and other data to the new system, located on new servers, will require the temporary suspension of some services to Library patrons and staff.

The Library, after completion of the upgrade, will have a more functional in-house system and a new, more appealing and functional online catalog interface. Specific services that will be disrupted as a result of the upgrade include:

- ▶ Interlibrary loan will be unavailable March 10th until April 19th;
- ▶ Requests (i.e. "reserves" or "holds") for items will be unavailable March 19th until April 19th.
- ▶ The online catalog will be unavailable April 10th to April 19th. During this time staff will not have access to catalog records either, though items can still be checked out and in, and new patrons can be registered.

All services will be restored on April 19th. At that time our new online catalog will go into service, featuring thumbnail images of book jackets and links to online reviews, a children's catalog that uses pictures to help youngsters find materials, and quick links to lists of items in the user's favorite subjects and authors.

Pretlow Library Project Begins. On March 8, 2006, Norfolk residents and local officials joined Mayor Paul Fraim to celebrate the revitalization of the city's library system by demolishing the old Pretlow Branch Library in preparation for construction of a new state-of-the-art Anchor Branch Library.

The new library, scheduled to open in 2007, marks a turning point for Norfolk Public Library as it is the city's first step in fulfilling the goals and objectives of a 1998 study prepared by Providence Associates. This study called for the development of four new anchor branches and a new downtown Central Library to meet the needs of residents and improve NPL's service. The city has already committed to building the second anchor branch in the Broad Creek neighborhood.

The new Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch will feature:

- a 2000 square foot teen library and activity center
- a 10,000 square foot children's library and early learning center
- a computer center bringing the total to 90+ computers in the entire building
- 3 group study rooms
- a vending area with table and chairs and 2 outdoor gardens

- a public program and community meeting area featuring 100 seats
- expanded operating hours to include more nights and Sundays
- video-conferencing
- Ocean View Station Museum office and displays

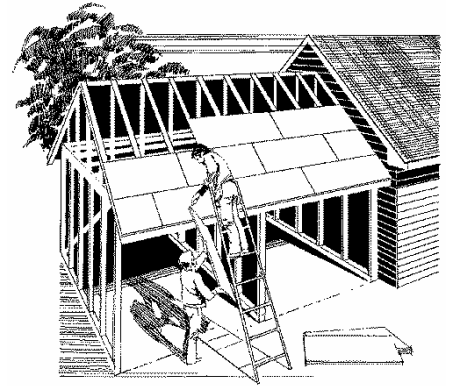
To view the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch Library's renderings and floor plans visit Norfolk Public Library's web site, www.npl.lib.va.us.

NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

Demand for Building Permits Remains Strong This Winter.

Demand for building permits remained high during the first part of the winter season, which is traditionally a slow period in the construction industry. This year, January's permit numbers matched and exceeded some summer month's activity levels. There were 1,347 permits issued, exceeding the previous three Januarys and setting another record in permit activity.

In addition to the number of permits issued, the fees generated from all permits in January were the second highest month on record, bringing in approximately \$263,000. This figure is second only to fees generated in August 2005. Inspection activity has also risen with 3,367 inspections performed for the month of January. This amount of inspections is a 17% increase as compared to past similar time periods. Based on anticipated construction projects already going through the process, the City expects 2006 to be another busy year for Norfolk's construction industry.



NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

Garden Gets Gift of Environmental Education. Norfolk Botanical Garden has new hands-on tools to help teach about the environment, thanks to a generous gift. The Garden Club of Norfolk recently donated two Watershed models to the Education Department. The EnviroScape Watershed boxes are interactive teaching tools designed to help kids understand the problem of water pollution and its possible solutions.

The donation of the boxes has made it possible for Norfolk Botanical Garden to offer a new outreach program, "A Chesapeake into Watersheds". Along with other classroom concepts, Garden teachers will use the models to demonstrate where pollution comes from and how small sources like homes, cars and construction can have a big impact on shared water resources. Cocoa, drink mixes and food coloring will be used to trace the travels of water to show students how large the Chesapeake Bay Watershed is, and how pollution from as far away as New York can impact the health of the waters here in Hampton Roads.

Norfolk Botanical Garden formally said thank you to the Garden Club of Norfolk and kicked off the new pollution prevention program in February. Club members, Garden teachers, educators from other area museums and 4th graders from Trinity Lutheran School and The Williams School in Norfolk learned how the Watershed Boxes work and why they are such effective tools in ecological education. Mary Bruce Glaize, an environmental educator who has used the models for years, gave the demonstration and answered questions about the boxes.

For more information, contact the Education Department at (757) 441-5838.

Norfolk Botanical Garden is growing again! Three baby American Bald Eagles are the newest members of the garden family.

The parents can be seen flying above their home, and they're spending a lot of time feeding their babies. Right now, and for a few more weeks, the mother and father will sit on their babies to help their body temperatures adjust to being outside the egg.

There's also a lot of activity with the staff and visitors at the Garden today. Many want to get a look at the enormous eagle nest, that's located in a 90 foot loblolly pine between the Mattson Garden and Renaissance Court. The birds' home is between 600 and 800 pounds and about 8 feet in diameter. The nest can be seen from Renaissance Court and from NATO tower, but the closest view of the eagles may be inside Baker Hall Visitor Center. Two cameras are focused inside the nest right now, one from above, and one from atop NATO tower. Thanks to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, the webcams are transmitting the video to monitors inside the Visitor Center.

NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

April News on TV48

- Studies show that youth are most likely to commit and become victims of crime between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. but not in our city. The City of Norfolk and the National League of Cities have announced a new initiative that supports the healthy development of children and supports working families. The "After the Bell" program, coordinated by The Norfolk Bureau of Youth Development in the Department of Neighborhood Preservation, offers children fun activities, keeps them safe and improves their social skills. Vice Mayor Daun Hester, National Chair for the NLC's Institute for Youth, Education and Families has worked diligently with the NLC and YEF to aid in strengthening families and improving outcomes for children and youth. For more information about the After the Bell program, call the Bureau of Youth Development at 441-2400.
- Defeating Herndon High School in a 54 to 51 final score, Norfolk's Booker T. Washington High School became Basketball State Champions after a long 20-year wait. Mayor Paul Fraim and the City Council will recognize the 2006 Group AAA

state champs, the Fighting Bookers, during a ceremony on Tuesday, March 21st in City Council Chambers.

- Norfolk Puts a New Twist on an Old Favorite-March 19-25 is American Chocolate Week and almost every red-blooded, even blue-blooded American loves Chocolate. Norfolk restaurants and chefs have responded to the overwhelming popularity of chocolate and chocolate-flavored items by heading to the kitchen to rejuvenate their chocolate recipes. From martinis to luscious desserts, Chocophiles dining in Norfolk will not have to search hard to find the perfect treat to satisfy their craving for chocolate. Researchers report that Americans are consuming more chocolate than ever before, accounting for almost half of the world's chocolate consumption. Visit the Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau on the Web at www.norfolkcvb.com to view a list of restaurants offering discounts on chocolate items during American Chocolate Week. Chocophiles raise your hands and proclaim your love for chocolate!
- After School Partnership: Students will have the opportunity to visit the Chrysler Museum of Art not only to view the beautiful works of art but also to make their own art inspired by their experiences at the Museum. In collaboration with the City of Norfolk's Division of Youth Development, the Chrysler Museum will launch a pilot after-school art program for 6th graders at Lake Taylor Middle School. This program will be part of a larger after-school initiative ready to open in the spring at the Middle School. For more information contact Scott Howe, Director of Education and Public Programs at 965-2046 or Gwen Cherry, Director of Youth Development at 441-2400 ext 256.
- In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the English landing at Jamestown in 1607, at the Chrysler Museum will be the exhibition "Masterpieces from an English Country House: The Fitzwilliam Collection" from April 30 – August 13, 2006. The exhibition chronicles the evolution of a great English family's collection from its origins in the 17th century to present day. From Anthony Van Dyck to George Stubbs to Joshua Reynolds to a full set of Audubon's Birds of America, this exhibition will serve as a celebration of extraordinary works of art showing aristocratic taste and patronage. As part of the 2007 Norfolk Events, stand up with pride, pull out the banners, strike up the bands and shine with festivities and reunions, as we invite the world to Come Home to Virginia.
- After years of planning, this spring, the Norfolk Public Library enters the final stages of implementing a new integrated computer system on March 19th and will have its new online catalog functioning by April 19. Because this system is new and staff is gaining experience with the new software, the check-out line may move more slowly than usual and we ask for your patience. Some of the new enhancements include: a children's catalog that helps them find what they are looking for using pictures, direct links to online reviews and thumbnail images of book jackets for most items. This will transform the way the library serves Norfolk residents. For more information about the catalog and computer system, call 664-READ.

- Norfolk Fire-Rescue is a participating agency in the Hampton Roads Maritime Incident Response Team (MIRT), which works in concert with the U.S. Coast Guard, the Virginia Port Authority and other maritime industries to respond to a fire or other emergency occurring in the port. In an effort to enhance response capabilities, the Virginia Port Authority has funded a system of trucks and portable pumps that can be used to supplement firefighting efforts at incidents occurring on ships or along the waterfront. Norfolk Fire-Rescue recently took delivery of one of these units. The other two units are assigned to the Newport News and Portsmouth Fire Departments.
- The portable pumps will flow up to 3,000 gallons of water per minute and can be placed on the deck of a tug or barge in the event of a major fire. These pumps are intended to improve the region's maritime firefighting capabilities until such time that funding is available to put in place the appropriate number and capacity of fire boats in the port. In addition to supporting maritime incidents, the pumps can be used to provide an above ground water main for firefighting purposes, should this become necessary following a hurricane or other disaster.
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- Norfolk Commissioner of the Revenue Now Accepting Applications for Real Estate Tax Relief for Disabled or Senior Citizens
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- For more than 40 years ... King Neptune ... Trident in hand ... has stood vigilant over the entrance to Willoughby Spit in Ocean View. King Neptune will be spared but the restaurant that served as his throne and the adjoining 120-room motel will be demolished to clear the way for the Spectrum at Willoughby Point” – the new Gateway to Norfolk. The wrecking ball will begin to demolish more than the structure on Wednesday, March 15 at 11:00 a.m. The site is located at the end of Bayville Avenue off of 13th Bay Avenue, which can be accessed from I-64 West. The \$200 million “Spectrum at Willoughby Point” will include more than 300 single family homes, 22,000 square feet of retail space and 79 boat slips. Construction is scheduled to begin this summer. If you have any questions, please call.
- History: Did you know that the remains of a World War II German U-Boat, sunk in the Chesapeake Bay, is still visible on the shoreline behind the hotel. It's been there for more than 60 years.

PARKING

The City of Norfolk to Establish Additional Taxi Stands in Support of the Granby Street Entertainment District. With the emergence of restaurants and entertainment venues in the downtown area, specifically throughout the Granby Street District, there is an increasing demand for prompt and reliable taxi cab service. In an effort to improve this valuable service, the City of Norfolk is establishing two new designated taxi cab stands. The first will be located in the parking area adjacent to the Granby Municipal Building located at 400 Granby Street. The second will be established in the 100 block of Market Street between Granby Street and Monticello Avenue.

The establishment of additional taxi cab stands has evolved as part of the Responsible Hospitality Partnership. This public-private initiative sponsored by the Downtown Norfolk Council and the City of Norfolk has been established to address the changing needs of our bustling entertainment district.

“It is our goal to have patrons enjoy downtown’s burgeoning entertainment district. We are happy to provide additional access to safe and convenient transportation for those who choose not to drive their own vehicle.” said Dr. Sture Sigfred, downtown developer, restaurateur and chairman of the Responsible Hospitality Partnership. “The city has been very responsive in helping us implement this initiative,” he continued.

The locations were selected after a thorough review that included input from the business community and local taxi cab companies. Both locations will be designated for evenings only (6:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m.) so as to not interfere with daytime parking demands.

For more information please call 664-6222 or visit us at www.norfolk.gov/parking.

PLANNING

Save the Date! Military Highway Corridor Plan - Public Participation Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 26th.

The City will host a Public Participation Meeting for the Military Highway Corridor Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Lake Taylor High School. Please mark your calendars. More information to follow. To find out more about the study, visit the web page at www.norfolk.gov/Planning/MilitaryHighwayPlan.asp.

POLICE

Police Chief Creates Third Patrol Division; Cites Progress, Plans



Reprinted from The Vigilant

The first quarter of the year marks a number of firsts for the department, setting the pace for more eventful and productive days ahead as we move towards becoming an increasingly effective and efficient organization.

We hosted a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the NPD Training Center on February 13, marking the official opening of our state-of-the-art facility. Days later we hosted the City Manager's staff meeting in Council Chambers, an event enlivened by the presence of Special Operations Team members with a full complement of weaponry. A drug dog and an explosives detector dog both performed admirably during their respective demos.

As you know, the Third Patrol Division became fully operational on March 1 and it appears to be running smoothly. We invested considerable time and resources towards improving the habitability of the former Special Enforcement Division headquarters by painting, re-tiling, and purchasing new furniture. However, the flooding issues of that building still exist; the structure sits below street level and when heavy rains occur, water will inevitably spill into the building. Nevertheless, efforts are ongoing to make the building as habitable as possible and enhance security, as well.

Plans for the new Second Patrol Division facility continue to unfold. We have received design funding to begin the preliminary stages of the project. It appears at this point that capital funding will be approved in the FY '07 budget, paving the way for the construction of a new facility adjacent to the Oakwood Elementary School building off of Sewells Point Road in the spring of 2007. We are also seeking full funding from this budget for the construction of a new range at the present site. If this is approved, demolition of the current range may begin in January 2007.

We held our first promotional ceremony at the Training Center on February 28th. While congratulating Captain Frances Emerson and Lieutenant Keith Torian, I emphasized the importance of strong leadership because our department is getting newer and younger. Likewise, I urged sector commanders to assume the role of "Mayor" of their respective sectors, meaning they must be cognizant of what is transpiring in their sectors and ensure that all citizens receive responsive and quality treatment from the Norfolk Police Department. This mandate applies to each police employee; every citizen that you serve or with whom you interact deserves the best that we can provide.

Within the next two months, law enforcement agencies as well as citizens throughout the country will observe Police Memorial Week. Our department will hold its annual ceremony at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, in the courtyard of the Public Safety Building. As schedules permit, I encourage employees to attend this event which will provide yet another opportunity for us to remember Officer Stanley C. Reaves and officers who predeceased him and to pay respect to Treva, Regan, Ryan and other members of the Reaves family. On this significant date of remembrance, it is fitting to give thanks for our well-being as individuals and as a department and to revere the lives of all officers who have paid the ultimate price while protecting and serving the citizens of Norfolk.

Online Neighborhood Crime Mapper Program Available on the Web. The Norfolk Police Department, in an effort to provide greater convenience to the public, has created a user friendly online neighborhood crime reporting program. This program, which is accessible at www.norfolk.gov/police is designed to provide City staff, civic leagues, business associations, and the general public access to crime incident data.

The website will be updated daily to provide for the most current information. Individuals who do not have access to the internet can still request crime incident data directly from the department.

Police Department Graduation Scheduled. Granby High School will serve as the location for the 75th Police Department Academy's graduation ceremonies scheduled for Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM. The Honorable Judge Charles E. Poston will serve as the key note speaker for this class of twenty-three officers.

The 76th Police Department Academy is underway. This class has twenty-five participants, who are scheduled to graduate in July of this year. We have kept an aggressive schedule for academies to address the vacancies created by the retirement program. Police and Human Resources have worked together on a great outreach and recruitment plan. Eighty-nine officers took advantage of the retirement opportunity. Currently, there are 52 vacancies out of 766 authorized sworn positions.

NEWS FROM THE BUREAUS...

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU

Vice and Narcotics Division

Narcotics Section - has focused on mid-level and long-term investigations. Investigators have used these arrests to identify the next higher level supplier. They have received advanced firearms training to improve firearms proficiency and tactics necessary to execute narcotic related search warrants.

Interdiction Section - In cooperation with the management of local hotels/motels this section has effected numerous arrests and drug seizures. The narcotic detector dogs have also been utilized at the city's school to screen for contraband items.

Street Response Unit - All members are now mandated to take part in attending and sharing information with civic leagues throughout the City. This unit has also received advanced firearms training to improve firearms proficiency and tactics necessary to execute narcotic related search warrants.

Vice Squad - The Vice Squad targets areas that receive the highest volume of citizen complaints. These investigators have also received advanced firearms training to improve firearms proficiency and tactics necessary when assisting in the execution of search warrants.

Major Case Unit - Created an intelligence data bank capability to track narcotic investigations and criminal enterprises. This unit has also obtained a case management software program that will provide the ability to link active investigations with current intelligence.

Criminal Intelligence Unit - Worked with the U.S. Secret Service on protection detail for Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Norfolk. This unit has also begun working with the Department's Gang Squad for the purpose of providing and updating information on active gangs in the area.

Harbor Patrol Unit -To improve safety standards, the Dive Team has initiated a physical fitness program in order to set and maintain minimum standards. Dive Team members have also arranged for advanced training in the use of side scan sonar and are acquiring full-face dive masks with communication capabilities.

Bomb Squad - The Bomb Squad passed their FBI Equipment Inspection and is now awaiting assignment to the required Hazardous Devices School in Huntsville, Alabama. Additional equipment has been received and the future bomb technicians have continued their specialized training.

Special Operations Team - SOT has taken on the duties and responsibilities of a full-time tactical team and Homeland Security Unit. Team members have designed and trained several firearms and tactics schools and blocks of instruction for various departmental units to include perimeter tactics, search warrant entry, and all of the department's special weapons training.

Detective Division

A dramatic decrease in the number of homicides in Norfolk has been recorded for the first quarter. This decreased activity has permitted renewed investigative interest in some unsolved homicides from prior years. To date in 2006 we have cleared three previously unsolved homicides from 2005 and made six arrests.

The Gang Section's office space construction is almost finished. The enlarged space, increased personnel, and reorganization under the Violent Crimes Section should dramatically increase the number of gang related prosecutions.

FIELD OPERATIONS BUREAU

The Field Operations Bureau is continuing along the path of change begun last quarter, with many developments occurring during the first quarter of 2006.

The most recent change involves a re-organization of the Field Operations Bureau, aimed at increasing the number of units on the street, balancing district workloads, and improving police/community relations. The re-organization increased the Field Operations Bureau from two patrol divisions to three. On March 1, the new Third Patrol Division came into being. The department now has 30 car districts, including three overlay districts in high crime areas, an increase of six car districts.

The Special Enforcement Division building at 975 Goff Street became home to the new **Third Patrol Division**. Personnel, equipment and vehicles were transferred from the First and Second Patrol to the new Third Patrol. Captain Wayne McBride has assumed command of the 3rd Patrol Division, with Lieutenants Keitha Boone, Roger Hungerford, and Keith Torian serving as sector commanders. Due to the professionalism and dedication of all involved, these transitions were accomplished smoothly. Another successful transition was the reconfiguration of CADS (Computer Aided Dispatch System) to handle calls for the three patrol divisions. With the reprogramming of CADS, officers from adjoining patrol divisions cross patrol boundaries as needed in response to high priority calls.

The Second Patrol Division has settled into its new home at 2500 N. Military Highway. Captain Frances Emerson has assumed command of the 2nd Patrol Division, with Lieutenants Joe Branning, Harry Twiford and Andy Mitchell serving as sector commanders. The officers of the 2nd continue to target “hot spots” with high intensity patrols, criminal enforcement sweeps and focused community policing. As a result members continue to make a positive impact on our neighborhoods, reducing criminal activity and enhancing the quality of life for residents of the 2nd Patrol division.

The First Patrol Division, commanded by Captain Jay Hanna, with Lieutenants Eddie Ryan, Betty Davis and Jimmy Hackett serving as sector commanders, has been busy meeting the many challenges that have accompanied the rapid growth and development of Norfolk’s downtown district. Talks have been initiated between the residential community and components of the entertainment district to resolve issues related to peace and tranquility in the area. The Gold Sector Community Resource Officers will continue working with the business community in an ongoing effort to address their concerns. Working in conjunction with the Downtown Norfolk Council they have made progress in developing strategies to deliver better police services in the entertainment district.

The K-9 Unit has undertaken a new program, an explosives detection dog school. Three officers are currently going through the extensive training. Upon completion of the training, the Norfolk Police Department will have five handlers and dogs cross trained in both patrol work and in explosives detection. This will increase the availability of

explosives detector dogs on duty and will decrease the response time to incidents, allowing the K-9 Unit to further augment the three patrol divisions.

The Traffic Unit has acquired a Crash Data Retrieval System through which trained personnel can access data from vehicles involved in serious injury/fatality accidents. The retrieval system will provide invaluable information to be used in the prosecution of offenders. Since the beginning of 2006, the Traffic Unit has investigated five fatal accidents which resulted in the deaths of six persons. Additionally, members participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, Ocean View Half Marathon, Vice President Cheney's motorcade, and Operation Drag-Stop, and handled numerous events at Scope and Chrysler Hall.

Another departmental innovation is the creation of an on-line neighborhood crime reporting system by the Crime Analysis Section in conjunction with the City's Information Technology Department. This program will afford city officials, civic leagues, business associations, and the general population access to crime incident data for their neighborhoods. Reports can be searched and printed by month for civic leagues or planning districts. The website will be updated every other day to provide for the most current information. Access to this website can be found at www.norfolk.gov/police.

Crime Prevention Section

The Crime Prevention Section has reorganized to accommodate the restructuring of the Field Operations Bureau. Two officers are now assigned to each of the three patrol divisions. Officers Benita Diggs and Beverly Jaramillo are assigned to the First Patrol; Officers Gerald Lee and Sandy Parker are assigned to the Second Patrol; and Officers Danielle Avery and John Richardson are assigned to the Third Patrol.

Crime Prevention has assumed the responsibilities of environmental crimes enforcement; members will attend training May 4 and 5 that is being coordinated by Cindy Hall of the City Attorney's Office.

In partnership with Project Childsafe, Crime Prevention has distributed approximately 2,000 gun locks, mostly through attendance at civic league meetings and neighborhood/citywide events. Members have been receiving numerous requests to conduct gang awareness presentations to community and professional groups.

Training Division

The grand opening of the new Training Center has provided Training Division personnel the ability to expand and improve training opportunities for the law enforcement community. Personnel are currently training two recruit classes along with conducting in-service continuing education training and hosting professional seminars. During the first quarter, Basic Recruit Academy class 74 graduated with 30 new police officers who have advanced to their second phase of police training.

PROJECT UPDATES

Update on Street Light Outages. Virginia Dominion Power's deployment of additional crews to repair street light outages is having a positive effect. In a 45 day period earlier this year, Dominion Virginia Power received 733 requests for street light repairs within the City of Norfolk. All of these requests have been repaired.

Staff is continuing efforts to identify new malfunctioning lights. The Department of Public Works' Division of Transportation conducted nighttime "lighting sweeps" throughout March to identify outages. Dominion Virginia Power, by contract with the City is required to maintain an 11 day response time for repairing street light outages. Items not repaired within this timeframe result in a "credit" to the City from the time the malfunction is reported to the time it is repaired.

Update on Participant's Status at the Diggs Town Boys and Girls Club. Renovation of the Diggs Town Boys and Girls Club began in April. The nine- month renovation will result in the displacement of the club's programs. Since the announcement of the temporary closure, City staff and Norfolk Public Schools have been working with officials from the club to identify alternatives locations to continue programming.

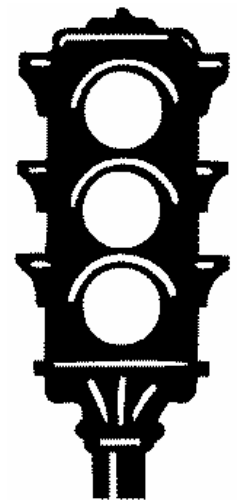
The Southside Boys and Girls club extended an invitation to have youth from the Diggs Town boys and girls participate in their program. Beginning March 13th, 25 participants from Diggs Town will attend the program at Southside Boys and Girls club. Remaining youth are already attending other clubs throughout the area without transportation assistance from the Southeastern Boys & Girls Club organization.

PUBLIC WORKS

Traffic Signal Retiming. The Division of Transportation has developed a five-year plan to retime traffic signals throughout the City in an effort to improve traffic flow and safety as well as reduce delays and stops along transportation corridors. Retiming of signals is a complex process requiring data collection, preparation of computerized traffic flow models and extensive testing. Over time, due to development and other factors, traffic patterns change; therefore retiming of traffic signals is needed.

Signal retiming of the following corridors is scheduled for completion before the end of fiscal year 2006:

- Little Creek Road between Hampton Boulevard and Old Ocean View Avenue;
- 26th and 27th Streets between Hampton Boulevard and Granby Street; and



- Tidewater Drive between Brambleton Avenue and Southern Shopping Center.

The new signal timing implementation for the Little Creek Road corridor began this week. It will take several weeks to finalize the signal timings in the corridor. As a final note, all surrounding Civic Leagues will be notified of work performed in each corridor.

A new technique to combat graffiti involves the purchase of a new protective overlay for existing street and traffic signs. This overlay allows for the easy removal of graffiti without removing the screen printed ink of the sign. Stop signs that are purchased in the future will have the protective film factory-installed.

Public Works Begins Spring 2006 Median Program. The Divisions of Streets and Bridges, Environmental Storm Water Management, and Parks and Urban Forestry started its Spring Median Maintenance program on March 20th. This spring's project is planned on Princess Anne Road from Ballentine Boulevard to Military Highway. The project's goals are to promote better storm water drainage on uncurbed roadways and lower the interior landscaped areas at curbed medians. This work will better facilitate Parks and Urban Forestry's mowing and edging work making it easier and safer to perform. Maintenance of the medians is scheduled for every Monday through Wednesday for approximately three weeks.

Since beginning this program in the spring of 2004, median work has been completed along major road segments of Terminal Boulevard, Newtown Road, Virginia Beach Boulevard (between Jett Street and Newtown Road), and Chesapeake Boulevard from Little Creek Road to Bayview Boulevard.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"After The Bell" Initiative Begins. The City's first after-school program for local middle school students will begin on Monday, March 6th at Lake Taylor Middle School. The program, which can accommodate up to 300 middle school students, will operate daily from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Additionally, students from other City middle schools are eligible to participate and will be encouraged to participate in the program if Lake Taylor Middle School students do not fill all the available slots.

This initiative is designed to develop a broad range of skills such as: creative thinking; problem solving; the ability to work with diverse teams; oral and written communication skills; being self-directed; and developing proficiency with various forms of technology. It is worth noting once again that this program is being developed in collaboration with the National League of Cities Institute for Youth, Education and Families, which is chaired by Vice Mayor Hester.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Jail Attendance and Staffing Update. Last fall, Council engaged in a series of discussions regarding jail overcrowding. As you may recall, the jail inmate population approached 1900 at one point in December. The jail is authorized or “rated” for 833 inmates. This is not unique to Norfolk; jails across the Commonwealth have inmate populations that are significantly above a jail’s “rated” capacity. During the last several years, Norfolk’s inmate population has consistently been above 1500 inmates. The Sheriff indicated that while an inmate population of 1900 is problematic, an inmate population of 1600 is manageable.

Since December, the Administration has worked with the Sheriff to help reduce the inmate population by almost 200. This decrease resulted from transferring almost 100 inmates to the Hampton Roads Regional Jail and seasonality in the inmate population. The transfer of inmates to the regional jail was the first phase of a three-phase strategy to address overcrowding. Commencing in April, the Sheriff will begin the strategy’s second phase – an expanded use of electronic monitoring. It is projected that another 100 beds will be freed up by mid summer as a result. The third phase (a satellite work release facility) is continuing to be evaluated.

It is also important to note that the State Compensation Board has recently approved an additional eight deputy positions. The Compensation Board will reimburse the City 100 percent of the State salary and FICA costs. However, the City will bear the costs of the City supplement, any gaps in funding associated with the timing of State salary increases, and various fringe benefits (such as hospitalization and retirement) associated with these positions. The estimated annual cost of the positions is \$296,100 of which, the State will reimburse approximately \$224,900. Thus, the City will need to provide additional funding of approximately \$71,200 in FY 2007 for these positions.

UTILITIES

Norfolk Resident:

We want to hear from you. What do you think of your water and sewer services in Norfolk? The City of Norfolk’s Department of Utilities strives to enhance quality of life by providing excellent water and wastewater services at the best possible value to our customers. How are we doing?

The Department of Utilities provides clean and healthy water, transports wastewater to HRSD, maintains water and sewer lines, and responds to customer billing needs. Your feedback will help us determine our effectiveness in providing these vital services.

Please take a few moments to complete this anonymous survey by visiting the Department of Utilities Website at <http://www.norfolk.gov/utilities> to complete the survey online.

We'll use your feedback to examine the quality of our services and identify ways we can improve. Please contact us any time we can serve you.

“Nasty Boys” are Back by Popular Demand. The Division of Waste Management's award winning “Nasty Boys” came out of retirement to perform at Friday's DooDah parade. In the past, the crowd pleasing, refuse collection cart-rolling, and high stepping troop have performed at a wide-variety of events throughout the community including the Grand Illumination Parade and the DooDah parade. Their performances earned them 1st place honors in past Doo Dah Parades and the coveted Chairman's award for best commercial unit. The “Nasty Boys”, in addition to this year's DooDah Parade, are also planning to participate in the 2006 Grand Illumination Parade this November.

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Norfolk Waterside Marriott

February 2, 2006

12 Noon

Introduction and Announcements

Good afternoon.

Let me, first of all, thank Bill Foster of Towne Bank, Ron Dennis from Farm Fresh, Susan Long Molnar, Chairman of the Norfolk Division of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Debbie DiCroce, Chair of the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, and Jack Hornbeck, the Chamber's CEO, for sponsoring today's event.

And thank you, Bishop McBath, for being with us today.

It is once again an honor to stand before the leadership of this community to talk with you about a place we share a passion for – the City of Norfolk - and I thank each of you for being here.

Also joining us today are members of the Armed Forces.

We have Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope, Deputy Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, Major General Kenneth Quinlan from the Joint Forces Staff College, Captain Bill Crow, and Captain Stuart Bailey and I want to express to them our gratitude for all the men and women in uniform who serve our country.

In Iraq and Afghanistan, in Kosovo and elsewhere they are keeping us and the free world safe, so I ask you to stand and join me in expressing appreciation for their courageous service.

Coretta Scott King, who worked to keep her husband's dream alive with a grace and serenity that made her a powerful symbol of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s creed of brotherhood and non-violence died Tuesday. It is appropriate to pause to consider the great impact the partners, Dr. and Mrs. King, had on the American dream.

It was Dr. King who looked out over the horizon of the American experience and proclaimed the moral common sense of the future. He said "the long moral arc of history bends toward justice." Together they steered us towards a more perfect society and today their work is still moving forward across America and across Norfolk as our own history bends more fully towards justice.

Standing on the eve of the 400th anniversary of our nation's founding at Jamestown and of Norfolk's 325th anniversary, I am proud to say the state of our city is strong and full of promise for an even better future. Evidence for this is regularly attracting national attention.

For example, Forbes Magazine ranked Norfolk and its metro area as one of the best places for business and careers, while Inc. Magazine ranked us one of the best places in the nation based on job growth.

Our school system received rave reviews across the country from the likes of The New York Times, U. S. News and World Report and The Chicago Tribune, and last summer, of course, we received a "10" from Regis and Kelly.

These and other achievements are the result of your commitment to making Norfolk a city that is reaching for greatness, so thank you for what you do.

Last October, following the Federal Transit Administration's endorsement of Norfolk's light rail project, the city purchased 7.5 miles of right-of-way from the Norfolk Southern.

It is now much more likely that light rail is in our future – and with energy costs only predicted to increase – it has the potential to ignite a transformation in mass transit for Norfolk – perhaps the region.

Light rail could not have advanced without participation from our flagship corporate citizen – the Norfolk Southern Corporation - which in its 175th year turned in a spectacular performance, breaking all revenue and income records, earning \$1.3 billion dollars, and smashing Wall Street projections.

It also maintained its record as the safest Class I railroad in the nation for the 16th consecutive year.

There could be no better way for outgoing chairman David Goode to cap his 14 year tenure as Norfolk Southern's top executive, and I ask you to join me in congratulating him and everyone at Norfolk Southern. (Lead Applause)

Mr. Goode helped make the Norfolk Southern the best-managed, the best-disciplined and most customer friendly railroad in the country.

David has also been a great friend of the city and we're delighted he and Susan will remain in Norfolk.

I also want to congratulate Wick Moorman as Norfolk Southern's new chairman, CEO and president . . . and wish him the very best as he works to keep Norfolk Southern the thoroughbred of transportation.

Change also came to another one of our strong corporate citizens – Ford Motor Company.

Last year the Norfolk Assembly Plant welcomed Joseph Lee as its new plant manager.

He's here today and I ask you to join me in giving him a warm welcome to Norfolk. (Lead Applause)

Ford's \$37 million dollar investment for the In-Line Vehicle Sequencing Automatic Storage and Retrieval System was the largest non-new model investment for the company in 2005 and a solid expression of Ford's continued trust in the workforce and product quality of the Norfolk Assembly Plant, which I am proud to say won the J. D. Power Initial Quality Award for 2005.

This follows the plant's recent \$425 million dollar expansion, so congratulations go to Local UAW President Ed Hay, who is with us, and the men and women of the Norfolk Assembly Plant.

Our goal is to make Norfolk the best place in America for Ford to do business.

I am also pleased to announce that NOELL Development Group plans to develop the Commander Corporate Center – 158,000 square feet of Class A office space adjacent to the airport - as the corporate headquarters for Blackhawk Products Group, the world's leader in innovation and design of tactical gear for law enforcement and the military.

With us today is Blackhawk CFO Scott Ferros, and Scott, we look forward to a spring 2007 ribbon cutting.

I also want to recognize S. L. Nusbaum Realty Company, one of the largest full-service commercial real estate firms in the Southeast, which is celebrating its 100th year in the real estate business.

This is a very special Norfolk company. There are a number of representatives from S.L. Nusbaum in attendance this afternoon including Alan and Ann Nusbaum and Andrew Nusbaum, representing the fourth and fifth generations of the company. Would you all please stand so we can acknowledge you.

The City's Financial Condition

I am pleased to report the city's financial condition remains solid as we continue to enjoy the benefits of an expanding business base and a robust real estate market.

Despite a slowdown in the national housing market, residential construction activity continues at an unprecedented pace - - growing from \$67 million dollars in fiscal year 2004 to \$193 million dollars in 2005 and, six months into this fiscal year, is already right at \$112 million dollars.

The strong demand for housing is also reflected by another sharp increase in residential assessments which grew by 21% last year - with a 23% increase estimated for this year.

Commercial construction totaled \$228 million dollars in 2005, with assessments increasing 6.2% last year and predicted to grow 10% this year.

Retail sales grew by a healthy 8.1% to \$2.7 billion dollars.

Overall sales were up 12.4% - generating \$87.5 million dollars in revenue.

At 5.2% our unemployment rate is a full half-percent lower than last year.

Business Developments

On the business front, last May, French shipping giant CMA-CGM opened its North American headquarters building at the Lake Wright Executive Center, bringing over 400 jobs to the city.

CMA-CGM is the world's third largest shipping company, and thanks go to its chairman, Mr. Jacques Saade (sah-day), and Frank Baragona, president of CMA-CGM America, on their decision to choose Norfolk.

Last year George Parker and Wayne Perry of P&P LLC announced plans to develop a 5-acre office park at 18th and Church Streets.

I am pleased to report the first building in the complex opens in a matter of weeks, with Community Personal Care and its 300 employees as the tenant.

Their second building is approaching completion, and I want to thank Mr. Parker and Mr. Perry for bringing this first class development to Church Street.

Across the Elizabeth River, retail business returned to the Southside along with 150 new jobs when the Berkley Shopping Center opened in time for Thanksgiving.

Anchored by a state-of-the-art Farm Fresh grocery store, the center is 100% leased, and is the result of a partnership between Farm Fresh president Ron Dennis and developers William Fuller, Harrison Perrine and Jon Wheeler.

In November, Dr. Bruce Bodnar and his colleagues at Virginia Eye Consultants opened their innovative \$12 million dollar, 30,000 square foot headquarters in Riverside Corporate Center – a wonderful addition to the region's health care facilities. We appreciate Dr. Bodnar and Dr. Tom Joly (joe-lee) being with us today.

One of our Empowerment Zone success stories - Merrit Press - expanded its operations, purchasing new buildings behind its location at Brambleton Avenue and Tidewater Drive and investing more than \$1 million dollars in new equipment.

Since moving to the Empowerment Zone, Merrit has invested nearly \$2 million dollars and nearly doubled its employees.

Port and Airport

With more than 15,000 people employed at more than 130 port-related companies, the Virginia Port is a major player in the local economy. . . and last year was its best ever.

Almost 2 million containers moved through the Port for an 11% jump in business.

Let me offer my congratulations to the folks at Virginia International Terminals on the recently announced 10 year, \$500 million dollar contract with the Grand Alliance –

the largest in the port's history, and vital to solidifying future business and the port's expansion.

Norfolk International Airport had another record-breaking year with passenger numbers growing to nearly four million, while welcoming Air Wisconsin's maintenance facility that employs 400 people.

In just seven years the Airport has nearly doubled its overall economic impact on the region to nearly \$1.36 billion dollars.

Hospitality Industry

Tourism and convention business gave our hospitality industry a record year as hotel revenue grew by 4.2% to over \$93 million dollars.

In sum, the hospitality industry generated over \$40 million dollars in revenue to the city.

Thanks go to the board and staff of our nationally recognized Convention and Visitors Bureau for all they are doing to bring conferences and visitors to Norfolk.

I also want to acknowledge and thank the Norfolk Hotel/Motel Association for its proposal to boost tourism advertising by adding \$1 dollar to the nightly room charge – an initiative the council approved last month that should generate \$1.2 million dollars annually for out of area marketing.

Strong hotel demand has led to such projects as an \$18 million dollar renovation of the Airport Hilton, a \$9 million dollar Hampton Inn and a new \$6 million dollar Savannah Suites Hotel.

Downtown

The hospitality industry is a vital part of the Norfolk economy . . . it is also highly competitive.

For those reasons, we were extremely pleased with the agreement by RLJ Development, headed by Robert L. Johnson, and Fulco Development, led by our own William Fuller, to build a 25-story, \$43 million dollar hotel and condominium project - at the corner of Main and Granby Streets - that will be connected to a \$33 million dollar state-of-the-art conference center.

With construction expected to begin this fall, this investment will total \$100 million dollars.

We are glad to have with us today Mr. William Fuller of Fulco Development. Please join me in thanking him for bringing this great project to Norfolk. (Lead Applause)

Next door to the hotel/conference center is the Selden Arcade, which reopened in April as the D'Art Center's new home following a \$6 million dollar renovation.

Not only did this preserve an historic landmark, it has given downtown a wonderful new public space.

One block over, the \$51 million dollar Trader Square is well under construction.

It is the single most exciting development since the MacArthur Center, and when it opens in December, Trader will bring 1600 new jobs to Norfolk.

It is a project that will again transform downtown, and so many thanks go to Trader CEO Conrad Hall for this major new addition to the city.

With 78 restaurants and 5 theatre venues, the Granby Corridor has become the region's center for dining and entertainment. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who have invested so heavily in downtown's renaissance.

Further north on Granby, our partners at Tidewater Community College are planning to build a \$14 million dollar student center on property between the Martin Building and the NORVA Theatre.

This is in addition to TCC's \$11.5 million dollar investment in the Harbor Heights project that will provide a home for the school's central administrative functions, so thank you to President Debbie DiCroce and your board for these improvements in the Norfolk campus, and for launching your ambitious capital campaign.

On the waterfront, construction on the state-of-the-art cruise terminal continues on track for a March 2007 opening that will bring nearly 60,000 square feet of sparkling public space downtown as well as a new center of economic activity.

It's hard to believe, but downtown's most valuable public asset – Town Point Park - is 24 years old . . . it's past due for a makeover and funds for this effort are available in next year's capital budget.

The folks at Festevents do a great job of keeping the waterfront alive, and you need to mark your calendar now for a spectacular celebration of Jamestown's 400th anniversary – Sail Virginia 2007 – that will coincide with Harborfest. By the way, it is hard to believe that this year we will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of Harborfest.

Next door at Nauticus, NOAA has established a \$1 million dollar Education Resource Center, three NOAA offices - including the Virginia Office for the Chesapeake Bay - and unveiled the exhibit, "Science on a Sphere," where visitors can watch weather systems develop as seen from 22,000 miles above the earth.

Five years after its mooring beside Nauticus, the USS Wisconsin remains a magnet for visitors.

With her decommissioning in December, preparations are on-going to open more of her to the public so visitors can climb inside a gun turret and walk the bridge of this enduring symbol of Norfolk's bond with the Navy.

With residential construction underway on Boush Street and more recently completed on East Freemason Street and St. Paul's Boulevard, with vacancy rates for Class A office space in single digits, and with the assessed value of the central business district real estate hovering near \$1 billion dollars, downtown's revitalization continues at a strong pace.

With downtown's core under such unprecedented intense development, we are planning for expansion outside of downtown's traditional boundaries.

Greater downtown's future will include development in Fort Norfolk, St. Paul's Quadrant and North Granby.

To the west is Fort Norfolk, which the Urban Land Institute recommended be redeveloped with a mix of residential and office space.

The 17-story, \$120 million dollar Harbor's Edge Retirement Community is the first residential project to be built under the plan, and it is on track to open this July.

Considered one of the nation's premier retirement communities, it is not only sold out, there's a waiting list of over 100 folks, a situation that has led the developers to prepare conceptual plans for Phase II.

I am also extremely pleased to announce planning has begun for Fort Norfolk's second project – Ghent South Towers - an 8 or more story medical office building with a twin

tower, that may have a hospitality or residential component standing on its own multi-story parking facility.

This project is being led by Norfolk cardiologist Dr. Keith Newby.

Dr. Newby is a Norfolk native; he's a graduate of Maury High School, Norfolk State University and Eastern Virginia Medical School, and completed his medical training at Duke University.

He is one of us.

He's here with us today and I would ask you to join me in congratulating him on this exciting project.

Across Brambleton Avenue, in just a matter of days, another of our strong corporate citizens – Sentara Healthcare – will open its 110-bed heart hospital.

This \$100 million dollar facility will offer comprehensive cardiac care - including transplant surgery - and is an invaluable addition to the region's health care.

And, let me say that we were all delighted with the recent announcement of Sentara's 5-year, \$25 million dollar commitment to the Medical School.

I want to thank Sentara chief executive officer David Bernd and his board for this generous investment, and for his help in persuading the Governor to provide \$10.2 million dollars in funding to the medical school – nearly double its present budget.

Thanks also go to EVMS president Harry Lester, who in a matter of months has helped to secure the medical school's future.

Moving east of downtown – a comprehensive planning process is set to begin for what we are calling the St. Paul's Quadrant which includes the old Downtown Plaza, the city purchased in 2003.

Bounded by St. Paul's Boulevard, Brambleton Avenue, Tidewater Drive and I-264, this 150-acre area has come under increasing development pressure.

To help guide its future use and development we have retained Goody Clancy - one of the country's leading architecture, planning and preservation firms – to conduct a study of the area, with broad public participation.

Residential Development

With more and more people choosing to Come Home to Norfolk, residential development is moving at a brisk pace.

Broad Creek

For the second straight year Norfolk hosted the Tidewater Builders Association's Homearama.

Held for the first time in a mixed-use, mixed-income community – the Broad Creek neighborhood – it featured a wider price range of homes than in years past, with prices starting under \$200,000 and rising to \$500,000+.

It is part of the Broad Creek Renaissance, a redevelopment area that will hold 234 new privately developed homes, 400 mixed-income apartments, a new anchor branch library, and, we expect a \$90 million dollar recreational facility – the Kroc Center.

And, today I am pleased to report, Major Hogg of the Salvation Army tells me the first phase of the Ray and Joan Kroc Center won approval just days ago, enabling him to proceed with a program and feasibility study. So congratulations to Major Hogg and everyone working to land this major recreational asset for the region.

Ocean View

The national spotlight shone on East Beach when one of its homes was selected as Coastal Living Magazine's 2005 Idea House.

This premier development on the shores of the Chesapeake Bay has now completed and sold 48 homes, with 51 more under construction.

With total lot sales exceeding \$18 million dollars, and with home sales averaging \$846,000, East Beach is on track to build out in seven years - one year ahead of schedule. We are very proud of the local developers who have driven this project forward so well.

With the recently announced projects of The Spectrum at Willoughby Point (pause for slide), The Shoals at 4th View (pause for slide), Taylor's Landing and Pretty Lake condominiums (pause for slide), 570 new residences will be added totaling \$200 million dollars in development, and positioning Ocean View to overtake downtown as the city's hottest area for new housing.

We are insisting that new developments must contribute to a sense of community and that they meet design standards . . . and, we are also continuing our policy of including citizens in the planning process as seen by the recent Willoughby Corridor Forum.

Downtown

Back downtown, progress is underway on the 31-story, 300 unit Granby Tower condominium that will take your breath away.

This is a \$100 million dollar project, and we appreciate developer Buddy Gadams's confidence in the city.

A few blocks south, the 94-unit \$28 million dollar, 388 Boush Street condominium development is on track for completion this summer.

Next door, the \$38 million dollar, Harbor Heights mixed use development is coming out of the ground.

Covering nearly an entire block, it contains over half-a-million square feet of space.

When complete, we believe, it will be the largest building built in Norfolk to date, and by any measure a huge addition to downtown.

Along with its 99 condominiums and the community college's administrative offices, it will contain downtown's first full service grocery store – Farm Fresh's Market at Harbor Heights - and a 317 space parking garage.

On East Freemason Street, the nearly complete 90-unit St. Paul's Place condominiums and lofts has been joined by the 66-unit Rotunda.

This development has put new life onto East Freemason Street and become a great asset for that part of the city.

Other Developments

On the perimeter of downtown, Row at Ghent, the \$30 million, 358 unit apartment and condominium project by Bristol Development, on Monticello Avenue, is nearing completion and pulling development up North Granby.

Today, I am pleased to announce plans for a \$45 million dollar mixed-use project at 21st Street and Llewellyn – on the site of the old Farm Fresh grocery store.

This project is the result of a partnership between Roseland Property Company and Galiani, Jackson, Galiani. Dan Aston and Rick Jackson are here on behalf of the developers.

Named 201 Twenty-One, the development will consist of 250 apartments with a pool, clubhouse and spa, along with 15,000 square feet of retail space and a parking garage.

I am also pleased to announce a \$40 million dollar, 250-unit residential project to be constructed at Brambleton Avenue and Duke Street by Kotarides Development. Thanks to Pete Kotarides for joining us today.

The development includes a 15-story tower, three 4-story buildings and a 550 car parking garage.

Construction is slated to begin this November, and will be the city's first project designed using the Light Rail route in the planning process.

Housing developments are also progressing at Landings at Bolling Square, Knitting Mill Commons, Tanner's Landing, and Eastchurch.

When added together, there are over 4500 new residential units under some stage of development all across the city.

This represents a total estimated investment of \$1.3 billion dollars.

This does not include hundreds of units in the conceptual stage, many of which will be built, or the numerous new infill homes being constructed in most every Norfolk neighborhood.

Norfolk Public Schools

2005 gave us more to celebrate with the announcement that Norfolk Public Schools had won the Broad Prize for Urban Education.

In winning the Broad Prize, Norfolk Public Schools outperformed four other finalists – the school districts in Boston, New York City, San Francisco and one outside Houston.

The Broad Prize included \$500,000 in scholarship funds for Norfolk students.

It is the country's most prestigious education award, and is given to the school district demonstrating the greatest improvements in student achievement, while reducing achievement gaps among ethnic groups and between high and low income students.

I'd like to ask School Board chair Dr. Terry Whibley and everyone from Norfolk Public Schools to stand so we can congratulate you for a magnificent achievement. (Lead Applause)

In addition to the Broad Prize, Norfolk Public Schools brought home another national honor in October when Ms. Sharon Byrdsong, principal at Azalea Gardens Middle School, was named Middle School Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

She competed with top principals from around the country, and was chosen to receive this recognition because of her dramatic success in raising student's academic performance.

Ms. Byrdsong is here with us today so let me ask her to stand as we congratulate her on her recognition. (Lead Applause)

The school system's progress has been incredible.

In 2001, only 2 of 49 schools were accredited as meeting the State Standards of Learning.

Today, the reverse is true - all but 2 schools now meet SOL requirements.

This is a commitment to excellence unmatched anywhere in the Commonwealth. Excellence in education also requires up-to-date school buildings, and last year the council committed to replacing two of our oldest schools - Coleman Place Elementary and Crossroads Elementary.

Combined with the renovation and expansion of Blair Middle School, this totals over \$70 million dollars in new school facilities.

To that can be added the November opening of Powhatan Field that at long last gave Maury and Granby an athletic stadium to call home.

We are proud of these achievements, and will continue to strive to make a great school system world-class by 2010.

Higher Education and Technology

In addition to their educational role, our colleges and universities are an increasingly important part of the local economy.

Already mentioned is the great news from the medical school and developments at TCC where enrollment grew by 4.5%, led by 20% growth at the Norfolk campus.

Over at Virginia Wesleyan College, President Billy Greer announced plans for a \$17.3 million dollar Platinum green laboratory science building, and a goal of becoming a Phi Beta Kappa caliber institution by the end of the decade.

Norfolk State University will make a dramatic entrance into research and development when the Marie McDemmond Center for Applied Research opens later this year.

With 135,000 square feet of classroom and laboratory space, this first phase of the RISE Center will be home to applied research, graduate-level education and workforce training in the fields of science and technology.

Last October, Old Dominion University celebrated its 75th anniversary.

From humble beginnings in the old Larchmont School, ODU has grown to become one of the Commonwealth's largest, most prestigious universities.

In announcing a goal to become one of the top 100 research institutions in the country, it has set its sights on an even greater future.

The extent to which this vision is realized will have important consequences for Norfolk's economic future and that of the region.

Research and development has been called a critical missing engine of economic growth for our region.

The essential ingredients already exist, but it will take all of us – local city councils, state legislators and the business community – working together with our colleges and universities to grow high technology research and development into a major part of the economy.

The good news is our higher education institutions are actively seeking opportunities to collaborate on projects in this growing field.

In December, ODU and Verizon Virginia announced an agreement to bring the next-generation Internet - called LambdaRail – to Hampton Roads to link the military with the

region's colleges and universities, and then-Governor Mark Warner announced a \$27 million dollar budget proposal to build upon the growing modeling and simulation activity taking place at ODU and the Medical School.

This announcement was made at ODU's VMASC - or Virginia Modeling, Analysis and Simulation Center - which opened in 1997 but has already outgrown its present location.

VMASC has numerous projects underway with real-world application – projects like a virtual operating room, jointly developed by ODU and EVMS, that will enable medical students to meet FDA training requirements for certain surgical procedures.

At the Frank Reidy (reed-y) Center for Bioelectrics in Fort Norfolk, ODU and EVMS continue their cutting edge research into medical and environmental applications for cold plasma, and just recently inked an international agreement with universities in Japan and Germany to establish technologies for cancer treatment and prevention of environmental contamination.

EVMS is poised to make medical history again through its CONRAD program.

Under the direction of Dr. Henry Gabelnick, who is here with us today, CONRAD recently received \$24 million dollars from the Gates Foundation and U.S.A.I.D. for clinical trials of a drug that seeks to reduce HIV transmission rates by 50%.

If successful, it will be a medical miracle for third world countries.

Another boost came last November when ODU President Dr. Roseann Runte announced the first phase of Innovation Research Park.

This \$80 million dollar project brings 100,000 square feet of Class A office and lab space to the city, and is designed to put the university's intellectual capital together with the private sector to pursue research and technology development and business-creating opportunities. It is hard to overstate the potential this development has for our economy.

I would note presidents Harry Lester of EVMS, Acting NSU president Alvin Schexnider, Dr. Roseann Runte from ODU, and Dr. Debbie DiCroce from TCC, are here and I'd like to ask them to stand and be recognized.

Public Safety

2005 indeed gave us much to celebrate.

One disappointment, however, was a 5% increase in crime, an experience we shared with other localities across the country.

Viewed over time, this appears to be a singular occurrence, as the overall crime rate remains 40% lower than 15 years ago.

Robberies, assaults and burglary showed increases, but most disturbing was the spike in murders.

61 homicides took place last year, significantly higher than in 2004.

As a community we were shocked by the senseless killing of six juveniles and by the tragic slaying of Norfolk police officer Stanley Reaves.

He leaves behind a wife and two young children, and we mourn his loss, even as we are angered by this inexcusable act.

In response, the police department is focusing enforcement efforts on neighborhoods with the highest levels of criminal activity – and they are getting results.

A special operation, called Triple Play, led to the arrest and indictment of 227 defendants on 487 felony charges in the neighborhoods of Park Place, Huntersville and Denby Park.

More such operations are in the works.

Also in the planning stage is the creation of a third patrol division to be located on Goff Street, the addition of six patrol car districts and three community connection centers. These will allow for closer ties to the community and more police presence on the streets.

I want to take this opportunity to recognize Chief Bruce Marquis and the entire Norfolk Police Department for the good work they do, often times at considerable personal risk.

The second arm of our public safety operation is the department of fire rescue.

Under the leadership of Chief Loy Senter, the department continues to have one of the fastest response times in the nation.

I'm also proud to note that over 20 department members deployed with the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force to assist Gulf Coast residents in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Homelessness Update

In an effort to assist some of our most vulnerable citizens, I announced here last year the creation of an office to end homelessness.

Since then we have made measurable progress.

A director for the office and two staff members have been hired and are hard at work implementing recommendations from the Blueprint to End Homelessness.

In partnership with The Planning Council and Virginia Supportive Housing, next fall we will open the first regional housing facility for the homeless – the Gosnold Apartments – and end homelessness for 60 people.

When added to additional housing already approved, a total of 95 new beds will be available for housing the homeless.

I also said last year that I would invite mayors from the Southside to participate in a summit to begin work on a regional approach to solving this social disgrace.

Their support has been excellent, resulting in the formation of a regional task force that just yesterday successfully hosted 300 participants in the first South Hampton Roads Conference on Ending Homelessness.

We expect to report even more progress next year.

Arts and Culture and Quality of Life

In addition to excellent schools and neighborhoods, a community's quality of life influences choices about where to live, and here we are making true strides.

Led by our cultural arts flagship, The Chrysler Museum, Norfolk is the arts capital of the Commonwealth.

Last year the Chrysler approached the finish line of its \$40 million endowment drive, and I want to thank campaign chairs Harry Lester and now Peter Meredith for their leadership, as well as all who love the Chrysler and have contributed so generously to secure its future.

Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, in September the Chrysler opened the Norfolk History Museum at the Willoughby-Baylor House on East Freemason Street

For a city that next year will celebrate its 325th anniversary, the museum ensures Norfolk's long and internationally significant history will be shared with residents and visitors alike.

I am also pleased to announce the March opening of an exhibition of 12 French Impressionist masterpieces from the Clark Art Institute in Massachusetts, so congratulations to Bill Hennessy and everyone at the Chrysler for bringing this exhibit to the region.

Another of our cultural stars – the Virginia Arts Festival – celebrates its 10th anniversary this year, with a virtuoso line up of performances that begin later this month with cellist Yo Yo Ma and the Silk Road Ensemble, and continuing in April with the likes of Wynton Marsalis, the Ruth Brown Blues Festival and, of course, the International Tattoo.

The Arts Festival recently embarked upon an ambitious capital campaign to establish a permanent endowment and build the Clay and Jay Barr Education Center – a facility that will serve as an education center, a rehearsal studio for local and Festival artist-in-residence ensembles, and as permanent office space for the Virginia Arts Festival staff.

We've also become a strong market for Broadway productions as seen by The Lion King's record breaking run that sold 99% of its tickets, grossed \$6.5 million dollars and gave a boost to restaurant and hotel business during a traditionally slow time of year.

This is an achievement of national note.

Also, I would like to mention that the historic Attucks Theatre had a very successful first year of performances.

Our other major arts organizations - the Virginia Symphony, the Virginia Opera, the Virginia Stage Company and the Virginia Ballet – continue to present performances equal in quality to any in the country, and I want to thank them for all they contribute to our quality of life and to that of the region and state.

The high caliber of our performing arts groups is also one of our primary selling points in recruiting new employees and businesses. It is vitally important that these art organizations continue to receive your strong support as well as that of the city.

At a press conference earlier today I was extremely pleased to announce a \$7 million dollar grant by the Batten family to the Virginia Zoo.

This represents the largest single gift ever awarded to a Norfolk municipal agency, and I would ask you to join me in thanking Frank and Jane Batten for this and their many other contributions to our community. (Lead Applause). We also consider Mr. Batten's stamp of approval with this pledge a validation of our efforts to build one of the finest zoo's in the country.

These funds - along with \$6.25 million committed by the city, and another \$1 million dollars already raised privately - will support additional growth outlined in the Zoo's master plan.

You'll be hearing more about the Zoo's \$18 million dollar capital campaign in the near future.

Last summer the Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center opened on the 12-acre site of the former Jewish Community Center, and it has been extremely successful – in just six months close to 4000 residents have become members of the facility.

And recreation centers for Norview and Lambert's Point are in the design phase.

Speaking of Lambert's Point, the 53-acre, 9-hole Lambert's Point golf course opened several months ago and has gotten rave reviews from area golfers.

With the golf course, Powhatan Field and the wellness center, 70 acres were added to the city's open space last year – more than at any time in anyone's memory.

Later this year the Norfolk Botanical Garden opens its new Children's Garden – an attraction made possible by the board of trustees' successful fund raising campaign.

A Note of Caution

With all of this positive news, the truth remains - we are in many ways a challenged city.

Not all of our citizens have shared equally in our rebirth.

Nearly 20% of our population still lives in poverty.

Despite the pace of school construction our school buildings average over 40 years in age.

We have an aging infrastructure and maintenance is too long deferred on our public buildings.

The cost of energy is skyrocketing.

The cost of health care and retirement for our employees continues to climb – and they need pay raises.

Many of our police cars have logged over 100,000 miles and we need more jail cells.

We desperately need a new judicial center for our local courts.

We need a new central library, more recreational opportunities and still more open space.

We could make good use of a new arena or concert hall.

The council also knows you need a property tax break.

We can and will manage all of this, but it will require balance, understanding and your patience.

Transportation

All of our accomplishments and hopes for the future, however, will be put at risk if we do not solve the transportation crisis that grips Hampton Roads and may soon strangle Norfolk.

As we speak, the General Assembly is in session engaged with the Governor in efforts to address this severe problem in some fashion.

The fear we should all have is that the members of the General Assembly from across the State, and many from here in Hampton Roads, do not fully comprehend our dilemma.

Some are beginning to debate, for instance, the necessity of the Third Crossing.

Without the additional road capacity, congestion-easing and system-wide connectivity this project brings, the two sides of Hampton Roads will revert over time to the 1950's situation of two separate economies.

History cannot be avoided or denied.

Do we want a future that is based on the 1950's model of the Hampton Roads economy, or what we have now?

If we cannot cross the harbor with some degree of certainty, we will evolve into separate workforces, separate ports, separate tourism venues, separate cultural and recreational activities, separate political structures with separate priorities.

Transportation impacts productivity, productivity impacts wages, which in turn impacts your standard of living.

Without the Third Crossing, in time we will all have a diminished quality of life and economic prosperity.

Quite simply the question is: Do we continue the momentum of the past 50 years to move forward as one region, or do we go our separate ways?

The call is in the hands of our legislators . . . all they need is the will and our support.

I urge you to get engaged today.

Contact every member of the Senate and House that you know and demand of them that they return from Richmond having meaningfully addressed our transportation crisis with dedicated, sufficient and reliable streams of revenue.

They need to hear from you now.

Conclusion

Since the turn of the century Norfolk has been blessed by a period of growth and prosperity, perhaps unmatched in her history.

Today, we are the region's business, financial, educational, medical and cultural center - and a city with a growing international presence.

I think anyone would be hard pressed to name another city in the nation that has been so successful at recreating itself as Norfolk has been.

We are back with a vigor and a vibrancy few thought possible ten years ago.

Our population is growing, our economy is growing and so is our potential.

We are over one thousand strong in this room today . . . many more were not able to get tickets.

This is true evidence of an engaged civic and business community.

It is also a great compliment to the council, the administration, including the school system and our various agencies, our hard-working city employees, to the many devoted members of our boards and commissions, and to our wonderfully diverse community at-large.

The strength of your numbers supports the belief that, as a community, we are moving in a direction that has real agreement.

We may not get it right every time, but we are succeeding in the broad scope of our efforts.

While there is much to do in our schools and on our streets, there is much that has been done, and for that we can all be proud.

Still, the never ending task of community building goes on without end.

We are not tired.

We are fully committed.

We will move forward together.

It is your enthusiasm for this city by the sea – the new Norfolk - that makes it a high honor to serve with my friends and fellow members of city council.

I thank you all for being here and for all you are doing to help build a brighter future for ourselves and our children.

God bless you and God bless Norfolk.

FYI

PET TRAINING TIPS FROM NORFOLK ANIMAL MANAGEMENT CENTER

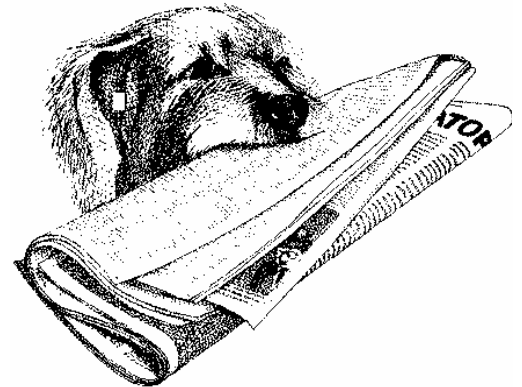
“But He *Always* Does It At Home”

“But he *always* does it at home!” As a dog trainer, if I had a penny for every time one of my students made this statement....As my students learn, the reason Rover always does it at home and not elsewhere lies in how dogs learn.

To begin with, dogs learn in context. What does this mean? It means that if you only train at home, that is where Rover will learn the behavior and apply the behavior. Okay, so you come to class and Rover learns the basic behaviors in class and you practice them at home – that should do it, right?

Homework assignment number one: practice the behaviors you are teaching Rover in at least seven different settings. Practice in the house, in the yard, in class, at the park, in the veterinarian’s office, at your child’s soccer practice, in the car....you get the idea. As Rover learns that the settings change but the behavior remains the same, he will generalize the behavior to wherever you ask him to perform.

Okay, so Rover now has the idea; sit means sit; down means down....How far can you distance yourself from Rover, ask him to sit and he still understands? How long will Rover sit and stay? Will Rover sit and stay if a ball is being bounced or a squirrel runs by? These are the three D’s of training: Distance, Duration and Distracton. We start by practicing each of these individually for the behaviors we are teaching and gradually add them together.



Distance is how far can you get from Rover, give him a command and still have him understand it to be the same command, a context issue again. Up until now you have probably taught and practiced a behavior with Rover right in front of or beside you. Now you will start to ask for a behavior from just a step away from Rover. As Rover is successfully performing you will increase your distance step by step. The key here is step by step increments, not leaps.

The next D, *duration*, is a tough one for students and their dogs. Students want to command their dogs to sit or stay and immediately walk 6 feet away. Most dogs find that distance too much for their “Velcro” needs. In their minds, safety is being close. So, again, we work a step at a time: away from, beside and behind our dogs to ensure their comfort and success. Distance and duration go hand in hand.

Distraction is the last of our 3 D's. Home is the place of most comfort and least distractions for Rover. Thus, Rover can be very successful very quickly. When you start to add distractions, home is a good place to start because you can be in charge of what and how much to add. Start small: movement of your feet, hands or body, and work toward the larger more enticing distractions: a bouncing ball, children playing, noises....

Are we done yet? Training is a process. Even when you think you are satisfied a new training opportunity will present itself. Setting your dog up for success by making the learning process consistent, matched to their learning speed and **fun** (because they are being successful) is essential to the training process.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NORFOLK FESTEVEN'S AWARDS \$73,000 TO HAMPTON ROADS SERVICE CLUBS AND CHARITIES

Festevents recently awarded \$73,000 to 26 local-area service clubs and charities as part of the organization's 2005 annual contribution program. The contributions are made possible through the Norfolk Festevents Service Club Beverage Sales Program. This program has been in existence for 24 years, donating over \$2 million since 1983.

The Service Club Beverage Sales Program provides an opportunity for service organizations and charities to volunteer their time at events and programs to raise funds through the sale of beverages at special events and festivals held in Town Point Park and Ocean View Beach Park produced by Norfolk Festevents.

Benefiting organizations include St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Hampton Roads, The Dwelling Place, Down Syndrome Association of Hampton Roads, REACH, Inc. and Tidewater Association for Hearing Impaired Children. A full list of benefiting organizations follows.

Organizations interested in participating in the 2007 Beverage Sales Program, are required to submit a letter of intent to: Dominick A. Fini, Sales and Operations Director, Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. 120 West Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510.

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ODU ART STUDENT CARL MEDLEY WINS FIRST PLACE IN INTERNET DESIGN CONTEST

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In her first one-person show, "Recent Works by Hilda Miller" opens at Shooting Star Gallery on Saturday, March 18 from 4 to 6 pm. In celebration, this show continues until May 18th, Hilda's 90th birthday! The artist says of her work: "I began painting 25 years ago. Watercolor is primarily my medium although I have done some work in acrylics. I began the "Painted Ladies" series several years ago and have enjoyed combining Victorian architecture and rich, vivid colors associated with that era. There is beauty all around us and I am thankful that I have been able to interpret it in my own way"

For information contact:

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Shooting Star Gallery
118 North Main Street
Suffolk, VA 23434
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sutnstar@aol.com
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THINGS TO SEE AND DO

ARTS COMMISSION

Arts Within Reach—it's all FREE!

From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that truly bring art within your reach.

Arts Within Reach features **FREE** performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

Norfolk Arts Commission thanks the City of Norfolk for bringing these programs to the community. For more information, visit www.norfolkdevelopment.com. For information, or to be added to our mail/e-mail list, please call

664-4321.

APRIL

25 (Tues.) 10:00 am – Young Audiences of Virginia's **Ramzi & Company: Dance Around the World**. Dance is the focal point in this celebration of world cultures *Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 155 W. Government Ave.* 664-4321

Ramzi and Co. presents a dynamic display of expressive movements, powerful rhythms, and rich, colorful costumes. From dances of mythic goddesses to tales of heroes and warriors, this performance includes dances and stories from Africa, India, the Middle East, South American, the Caribbean, Polynesia, Japan and Russia.

27 (Thurs.) 11:30 am – Young Audiences of Virginia's Toni Crowder as **Tessitura, the Opera Clown**. Toni Crowder brings the great operas to life and introduces the concepts that make this art form dramatically entertaining. *Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street* 664-4321

With her "dazzling voice" and engaging acting, Toni Crowder has become a favorite with audiences and critics alike. A vibrant and versatile artist, she is in demand for both contemporary and classic repertoire.

An active recital and concert artist, Ms. Crowder has performed extensively throughout the Washington, D.C. area and recently sang at the *Classical Singer* Convention in New York. Her program of duets with soprano Lucy Shelton has been broadcast on National Public Radio's *Performance Today*, and she will be featured in Backstage Pass's upcoming telecast of *The Four Divas* concert.

Arts Within Reach, produced by the Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities, is a series of free performances showcasing Norfolk performing arts organizations and artists. The series introduces audiences to the arts in an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction between performer and audience. All *Arts Within Reach* performances are **free and open to the public**. Inquiries can be made at 664-4321.

Additional **free** performances in Norfolk for the month of April include:

1 – 3 pm Saturdays. **D'ART Demos**. D'ART Center presents local artists in weekly interactive arts demonstrations and workshops. *Selden Arcade, 208 E. Main Street.* 625-4211

15 (Sat.) 2 pm – Tidewater Friends of Folk Music present **Ron Fetner**. This nationally known, award-winning songwriter will have your children collaborating to write a song. Great fun for all ages. *Little Creek Library, 7853 Tarpon Place.* 441-1751

22 (Sat.) 2 pm – Tidewater Friends of Folk Music present **Celtic Dance with Lisa Hunt**. Award-winning dancer Lisa Hunt introduces audience members to the world of Irish step-dancing, and teaches participants ‘a step or two along the way.’ *Janaf Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 441-5560*

MAY

6 (Sat.) - 1 pm — The Park Place Child Life Center Spring Festival. Music and art programs. *Park Place Baptist Church, 430 West 31st Street.*

20 (Sat.) 10 a m — **22nd Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival**. More than 100 artists show and sell their works at this popular festival. Music and kids activities are scheduled throughout the festival, which continues on Sunday. *Stockley Gardens Park in the Ghent Section of Norfolk. www.hope-house.org*

24 (Weds.) 5:30 pm — Young Audiences of Virginia’s **The American Jazz Ensemble** incorporates blues, ragtime, boogie, Dixieland, Latin and classical music. *The Pagoda Garden Teahouse and Gallery, 265 W. Tazewell Street.*

25 (Thurs.) 11:30 am — **Virginia Arts Festival Emerging Masters**. This is your chance to hear world-class classical music in a lovely, local setting. *Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street.*

Date To Be Announced. A Virginia Symphony Ensemble in a special weekday evening concert. *The Pagoda Garden Teahouse and Gallery, 265 W. Tazewell Street.*

JUNE

22 (Thurs.) 11:30 am — **Hampton Roads Chamber Players Faculty**. Classical string trio with symphony musicians Jorge Aguirre (violin), Beverly Baker (viola) and more in concert. *Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex St.*

Other free programs include:

d’ART Center’s d’ART Demos.

1-3 pm Saturdays. d’ART Center presents local artists in interactive arts demonstrations and workshops. *Selden Arcade, 208 E. Main Street. 625-4211*

Tidewater Friends of Folk Music

Jelly Bean Jam Series

Little Creek Library, 7853 Tarpon Pl., 2 –3 pm 441-1751
4/15—Ron Fetner

Janaf Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center, 2 –3 pm, 441-5660
4/22—Celtic Dance w/Lisa Hunt

Schedules are subject to change; please call listed numbers for more information.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Norfolk Botanical Garden to Host “Around the World in 80 Days” This Summer.

For the last two years, Norfolk Botanical Garden has hosted a popular exhibit built around privately designed and constructed interactive “destinations” around the garden. In 2004, it was TREEmendous TREEhouses. In 2005, it was Treasure Island.

Both major regional exhibits featured unique and creative, non-traditional, family interactive destinations within the Garden. The introduction of these exhibits doubled the Garden’s visitation, bringing people of all ages to enjoy the Garden’s 155 acres.

In 2006, the Garden would like to continue this success by bringing to life another classic novel. “Around the World in 80 Days“, an interactive exhibition featuring themed displays that focus on modes of transportation used throughout the book. Regularly scheduled activities will be planned at each exhibit area.

The Garden’s education department will develop these activities, inspired by each individual design and intended to enhance the visitor’s experience. All exhibit areas will be designed to stimulate the imaginations of children of all ages and encourage playful interaction. Around the World in 80 Days is being designed to attract families to the Garden in anticipation of the World of Wonders: A Children’s Adventure Garden, opening in the Fall of 2006, shortly after the summer exhibit’s closing. As with Treemendous Treehouses and Treasure Island, the Garden solicited designs. The timeline for construction and the exhibit is as follows:

May 16 – June 5, 2006	Exhibit installed at Norfolk Botanical Garden
June 17, 2006	Designer/Sponsor/VIP Breakfast & Exhibit Grand Opening
September 4, 2006	Exhibit Closes
September 5-10, 2006	Removal of structures by designers

Birds, Blossoms and Blues Festival

Mother’s Day Weekend, May 11-14, 2006

For the first time, Norfolk Botanical Garden combines one of Virginia’s premier birding events with great blues, bluegrass and a unique plant sale—all amid spring’s spectacular blossoms.

ATTUCKS THEATRE

Governor's School for the Arts to Stage Opera at Historic Attucks Theatre

The Governor's School for the Arts Vocal Music Department presents its spring opera production, Douglas Moore's *The Ballad of Baby Doe*, at Norfolk's historic Attucks Theatre for three performances - Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, April 23 at 2:30 p.m.

This will mark the first performance of an opera at the Attucks Theatre and the 50th anniversary of the premiere of *The Ballad of Baby Doe*.

The opera is staged and conducted by departmental chair Alan Fischer with sets and lighting by Konrad Winters and costumes by Muffy Owens.

The performances are dedicated to Louise Lowenthal, founding "mother" of The Governor's School who died last week. Ms. Lowenthal fulfilled her dream of creating a regional arts' school for the artistically gifted students of Hampton Roads. She always told students to "think big!" Her inspiration lives on in our productions.

Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$15.00 for seniors and students. They are available at all Ticketmaster outlets and online at www.Ticketmaster.com.

CHRYSLER HALL

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Friday April 28 – Sunday April 30
Norfolk Scope

Over 800 artists from around the world will storm Scope during the 2006 Virginia International Tattoo. With live music, Celtic dancers, choral groups, marching bands, precision drill teams and more massed pipes and drums than ever before, the Tattoo is action-packed and awe-inspiring for all ages. Enjoy a tribute to Canada, the Azalea Festival's Most Honored Nation and join our hats off salute to the region's Armed Forces as we honor their families, those who stay behind to serve. You have to see it to believe it!

Tickets on sale now!

Ticket Prices: - \$45, \$40, \$30, \$20
(plus applicable service charges and facility fees)

The Norfolk Scope is one of Norfolk's premier seven venues and is the host to a wide variety of events. With a capacity of 13,500, the Norfolk Scope provides visitors with the

highest quality events, services and facilities. For information on the Norfolk Scope or the city's other venues, visit www.sevenvenues.com

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

Old Master Paintings from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Saunders, III
Kaufman Furniture Gallery
Ongoing

Photography Speaks
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank and David L. Hack Photography Galleries
Ongoing

Civil War Photographs from the David L. Hack Collection
Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries
This exhibit features 50 extraordinary photographs from the Chrysler's collection, including such icons as Alexander Gardner's classic photograph *Lincoln and Tad*, haunting images of Andersonville and Gardner's dramatic series of the handing of the Lincoln conspirators in 1865.
Through October 29, 2006

**** Exhibition Programming ****

Lecture Series: Selected Wednesdays throughout the exhibition, 7-8 p.m.

- April 19: The Best Photos on the Civil War in 3-D with Bob Zeller, President of the Center for Civil War Photography
- May 10: Waging the War on Saving the Past: The David L. Hack Collection of Civil War Photographs with Thomas M. Edmondson, Heugh-Edmondson Conservation Services, Kansas City, Missouri
- July 19: No Army Without Music: The Songs of the Civil War featuring Michael Lasser, host of the National Public Radio show *Fascination' Rhythm*

- September 27: Depicting Conflict: Art of the Civil War with Stephen May, independent historian and noted art, culture and historic preservation lecturer.

Tickle My Ears Storytelling: Thursday, May 4, 2006, 11 a.m. Experience the Civil War with your favorite pre-kindergartener during this interactive storytelling.

Military Appreciation Day: Saturday, May 20, 1-3 p.m. Join us for patriotic music and special tours of *Civil War Photographs*. Cost: Free to active duty/retired military and families with valid ID.

Film Series: Ken Burns' *The Civil War* (1990) Selected Saturdays throughout the exhibition, Enjoy Ken Burns' *The Civil War*, renowned video history of the war.

The Masterpiece Society presents

Masterpieces from an English Country House: The Fitzwilliam Collection

Norfolk Southern Large Changing Galleries

April 28 through August 13, 2006

d'ART CENTER

d'ART Center, Selden Arcade 208 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

ph: 757-625-4211 fax: 757-625-0670

Connect with the Visual Arts at www.d-artcenter.org

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

Having a birthday party, and need a cool activity for your guests? Call d'ART Center to arrange a private class for you and your friends for your big day and make your celebration an art occasion to member! We will suggest both artist and artistic activity that you can remember and enjoy all year. For children and adults. Call 625.4211 for scheduling and arrangements.



FREE Admission, OPEN Tuesday - Saturday 10-6:00PM & Sunday 1-5PM, Art Demo's Saturday's 1-3:00PM. Contact 625-4211 or visit website www.d-artcenter.org.

FESTEVENTS

Fridays are *Back* at Town Point Park!
“Downtown Cheers”
Every Friday in May

Returning every Friday afternoon in May, Norfolk Festevents with 94.9 The Point will present **The Cingular Wireless “Downtown Cheers” After-work Office Party & Music Series** with new times *starting an hour earlier at 4 PM* until 7:30 PM in Town Point Park, on the downtown waterfront.

Free admission, live music, an all new beverage and al fresco dining menu and the best outdoor gathering place in town will make **“Downtown Cheers”** the official after-work “place-to-be” on Friday afternoons in Hampton Roads – Attendance is a must!

Entertainment line up:

On **Friday, May 5**, ***Sol Libre*** will kick off the first show of the series. Brothers, Jamie and Jason Freeman, along with many other family members, come together to create the Spanish rooted band. Since their beginning, ***Sol Libre*** has been the opening act for several major labels such as The Gypsy Kings, Norah Jones, and Enrique Iglesias.

Performing the following **Friday, May 12**, ***Rainmarket***, a local favorite, will be what everyone’s talking about Monday morning. ***Rainmarket***, a four-man band, stepped into the music scene a little over a year ago with their “poetic, smart-rock sound” and recently launched their debut album “September”. ***Rainmarket’s*** sound has been compared to artists such as Gavin DeGraw, Maroon 5, and Matchbox Twenty.

Virginian Coalition will continue to please crowds on **Friday, May 19**. Originally from the D.C. area, ***Virginia Coalition*** has been nothing but successful since the beginning. This band is comprised of four extremely talented artists, and together they have released three albums achieving national exposure. ***Virginia Coalition*** has appeared with such artists as Dave Matthews Band, Blues Traveler, and Counting Crows.

Luckytown presents the finale show on **Friday, May 26**. Formed in 1998, the four-piece band from Virginia Beach, VA has had two of their songs hit the radio waves. ***Luckytown*** has sold nearly 10,000 copies of their independent releases, and has shared the stage with artists such as The Bodeans, Fastball, and Fuel.

Full Stage Schedule:

May 5, 4 – 7:30 pm – Sol Libre (www.solibre.com)

May 12, 4 – 7:30 pm – Rainmarket (www.myspace.com/rainmarket)

May 19, 4 – 7:30 pm – Virginia Coalition (www.virginiacoalition.com)

May 26, 4 – 7:30 pm – Luckytown with special guest

Additional Event Information:

Downtown Cheers After-work Office Party & Music Series

Town Point Park – Downtown Norfolk Waterfront

Every Friday in May 2006, (May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006)

New Hours: 4 PM – 7:30 PM

Free and Open to the Public

Free boat docking – On first available basis along the park wall

Individual Downtown Cheers Office Party Cabanas available – Call Festevents for details- 757 441-2345 ask for Ted Baroody

Downtown Cheers After-work Party and Music Series is sponsored by the City of Norfolk, 94.9 The Point, Cingular Wireless, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, CFE Equipment Corp, Budweiser, and Chrysler/Jeep, and produced by Norfolk Festevents, Ltd.

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BAYOU BOOGALOO & CAJUN FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL TO SUPPORT ON- GOING KATRINA RELIEF EFFORTS

Bayou Boogaloo classics The Neville Brothers, Dr. John and Cowboy Mouth return to headline the 17th Annual Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival, June 23- 25, 2006, Town Point Park in Downtown Norfolk, Virginia.

This year's festival will also host several artists and craftsman displaced by Hurricane Katrina and include fundraising opportunities to benefit the Katrina relief efforts.

The Neville Brothers: Art, Charles, Aaron and Cyril Neville have been performing and recording since 1978, collectively sharing over 40 years of recording history. The Neville's unique mix of R&B, Pop, Jazz and Funk is what makes them the first family of funk in New Orleans. The Neville Brothers are scheduled to perform Sunday, June 25 at 6:30 pm. <http://www.nevilles.com>

Dr. John is a Grammy award-winning performer who proudly stands along side Louis Armstrong, Fats Domino and Professor Longhair as one of New Orleans' all-time distinctive voices. The good Dr.'s music is a blend of Dixieland, Rock & Roll and Funk

that truly represents the New Orleans' sound. His infectious style has drawn attention from Eric Clapton, Mick Jagger, The Band, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, Mike Bloomfield, Benne Wallace and Art Blakey who either wanted to guest on his records or invited him to spice up their own work. Dr. John is set to take the stage on Sunday, June 25 at 4 pm.

<http://www.drjohn.org>

Cowboy Mouth returns to perform pure New Orleans Rock n' Roll in Town Point Park, Friday, June 23 at 8:30 pm. At nearly 200 performances a year over fourteen years, the band asks the audiences each and every time "Are you glad to be Alive!?" and the only answer Cowboy Mouth wants to hear is "YES!" The band onstage is extraordinarily intense, with vocal and style changes between members that keep audiences glued, usually leaving them as drenched and spent as the band. <http://www.cowboymouth.com>

Additional acts to be announced.

The Bayou Boogaloo and Cajun Food Festival is Norfolk's annual salute to the New Orleans spirit and unique Bayou culture. This popular 3-day festival sizzles with foot stomping, heart pumping music on 3 stages featuring national, regional and local talent. This colorful celebration of Bayou culture is filled with family activities - Cajun dance lessons; a New Orleans' style funeral march; cooking demonstrations; fire-eaters; hot pepper and crawfish eating contests all add to a weekend full of non stop entertainment.

No Bayou party would be complete without mouthwatering Cajun delicacies prepared by authentic Louisiana chefs including crawfish, jambalaya, gumbo, etoufee, alligator, sausages, and beignets and ice cold beverages-- it is truly the hottest weekend on the riverfront!

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NORFOLK FESTEVENETS ROLLS OUT THE 2006 SEASON

The Norfolk Festevents Board of Directors and the City of Norfolk are proud to announce the 2006 schedule of events presented by Cingular Wireless for Town Point Park and Ocean View Beach Park.

Norfolk Festevents Ltd. in its 24th year promises a season filled with time honored festivals and 11 brand new events offering something for everyone. The 2006 festival-going public

can look forward to innovated programming that kicks up outdoor festivals, concerts and city celebrations another notch delivering a full selection of quality entertainment on Norfolk's premier waterfronts.

2006 Schedule

- Monday, April 10, 2006: *Annual Friends of Festevents 2006 Season Gala*
 - Town Point Club
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed
- Tuesday, April 11, 2006: *Friends of Festevents Golf Tournament*
 - Ocean View Golf Course
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed
- Wednesday, May 3 – Monday, May 8, 2006:
 - Otter Berth
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Fridays, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 2006:
Cingular Wireless "Downtown Cheers" After-work Office Party & Music Series
 - 4:00 PM– 7:30 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Saturday, May 13, 2006: *The 5th Annual "Virginia Beer Festival"*
In Partnership with the Virginia Arts Festival
 - 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed
- Sundays, May 28-September 3, 2006:
"Big Bands on the Bay" Concert and Dance Series
 - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - Ocean View Beach Park
 - Free & Open to the Public
- *"EAGLE" USCG Tall Ship*
 - Late Spring
 - Dates and times – To be announced

- Free & Open to the Public
- Friday – Sunday, June 9-11, 2006
“30th Annual Norfolk Harborfest”, presented by Cingular Wireless
 - Friday: Noon – 11:00 PM
 - Saturday: Noon – 11:00 PM
 - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Friday – Sunday, June 23-25, 2006
“17th Annual Cingular Wireless Bayou Boogaloo & Cajun Food Festival”
 - (Sneak Peek Lunchtime Preview- Free Admission Friday: Noon – 3:00 PM)
 - Friday: 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM *
 - Saturday: Noon – 10:00 PM *
 - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM *
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - *Ticketed
- Saturday, July 1, 2006: *“Town Point Summer Farmers Market”*
In partnership with the Virginia/North Carolina Vegetable Growers Association and the Virginia Department of Agriculture
 - 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Sundays, July, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2006:
Cingular Wireless “Town Point Sundays with Lewis McGehee & Friends” Music Series
 - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Tuesday, July 4, 2006:
24th Annual Cingular Wireless “Great American 4th of July Picnic & Fireworks” with Arena Racing and US Navy Reenlistment Ceremony
 - 2:00 pm – 10:00 pm
 - Fireworks – 9:30 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public

- Fridays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, 2006: *“TGOV” After Work Beach Party & Concert Series*
 - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
 - Ocean View Beach Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Sunday, July 30, 2006:
Cingular Wireless “Sunrise to Sunset Acoustic Music Festival” in partnership with BOB FM
 - 6:00 am – 9:00 pm
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed
- July, 2006- Dates to be announced:
The 24th Annual Norfolk Jazz Festival
 - Dates, Hours to be announced
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed
- Sundays, August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2006
Cingular Wireless “Town Point Sundays with Bob Zentz and Friends Music Series
 - 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Fridays, August 4, 11, 18, 25, 2006: *“TGOV” After Work Beach Party and Concert Series*
 - 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
 - Ocean View Beach Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Saturday, August 19, 2006
Cingular Wireless “The 6th Annual Norfolk Latino Music Festival”
 - 4:00 PM – 11:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public
- Friday- Sunday, September 8-10, 2006:

The 2nd Annual Virginia In-Water Boat Expo – in partnership with the National Marine Manufacturers Association

- Friday: 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- Saturday: 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
- Sunday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- Town Point Park & Waterside Marina, Norfolk, VA
- Open to the Public
- Ticketed

- Friday – Sunday, September 15-17, 2006:
5th Annual Cingular Wireless “Norfolk Seafood and Beach Music Festival”
 - Friday: 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 - Saturday: Noon – 9:00 PM
 - Sunday: Noon – 6:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Free & Open to the Public

- October, 2006
Norfolk’s Fleet Week Celebration
 - Dates and Hours to be announced

- Saturday, October 7, 2006:
18th Annual Cingular Wireless “Virginia Children’s Festival”
 - 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed

- Saturday-Sunday, October 21-22, 2006:
19th Annual Cingular Wireless “Town Point Virginia Wine Festival”
 - Saturday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - Sunday: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
 - Town Point Park, Norfolk, VA
 - Open to the Public
 - Ticketed

...And in the works are the following special additions:

- *“Live from the Eagle’s Nest” Music Series* in partnership with WGH Eagle 97.3 & Max Media

- *“Norfolk Electronic Summer Music Conference”* in partnership with the Granby Theatre

- *“Chinese Autumn Moon Festival”*

Future Events:

- *Sail Virginia 2007* the international tall ship gathering in Norfolk, Virginia commemorating the 400th Anniversary of Jamestown Landing, June 7-12, 2007.
- *Town Point Park* visual arts festival.

“Our plans for the 2006 season have been announced just in time to celebrate the start of the New Year!”, according to Festevents Executive Director Karen Scherberger. “There has never been a more exciting time than now to launch new event concepts while also celebrating the past 30 years of rich traditions on our waterfronts- from Town Point Park to Ocean View Beach Park. “

“Overall attendance for the 2005 season was up by 16% as compared to the previous year, which was already up 14% from 2003.” Scherberger adds, “The addition of the new Virginia In Water Boat Expo held in September is an excellent example of the caliber of new events and promotions Festevents will be introducing in the seasons ahead”.

More information about events, including hours, ticket information, park regulations, parking and surrounding attractions, can be found by visiting the www.festeventsva.org or by calling 757.441.2345

Norfolk Festevents’ 2006 Season is sponsored by Cingular Wireless and the City of Norfolk, with support from over 300 local, regional and national sponsors and contributors.

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd. is a private not-for-profit organization dedicated to producing premier concerts, festival, ship visits and special events and city celebrations for residents and guests of Hampton Roads. Celebrating its 24th season, Norfolk Festevents has garnered international acclaim for its outstanding quality of programming. Norfolk Festevents is the official event marketing and production agency for the City of Norfolk.

THE HERMITAGE FOUNDATION GARDENS PRESENTS HEIRLOOM PLANT SALE

The Hermitage Foundation will hold an *Heirloom Plant Sale* Saturday, April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Open to the public, the sale offers over forty varieties of classic heirloom plants, including columbines, irises, peonies, hydrangeas, day lilies, and begonias. Hermitage Curator of Gardens & Grounds, Yolima Carr, emphasizes that “80%

of the heirloom plants we are selling are perennials.” Perennials will bloom year after year, becoming a reliable tradition in a garden. Heirloom plants are known and admired for their longevity and hardiness as well as their beauty and grace. The sale will also include a variety of native plants, shrubs, and antique roses that will adapt to most yards and survive for generations. Many of the plants for sale can be found in the Hermitage Gardens.

Guest lecturer, Perry Mathewes, garden historian, will speak in the museum’s Central Gallery at noon. Mr. Mathewes will present “Living Legends: Heritage of Plants and Their Stories,” a discussion of the history of plants and the significance of heirlooms. Seats are \$5.00.

A special preview sale for Hermitage members will take place April 28, Friday evening. Members will have the first opportunity to hear Mr. Mathewes’ lecture free of charge, as well as to purchase plants. The Hermitage will be open for the preview sale from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., with the thirty minute lecture in the Central Gallery beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit The Hermitage Foundation and the *Living Shoreline—Wetland’s Restoration Project*. Hermitage staff will be on hand to answer any questions regarding the museum, gardens, and Visual Arts School. Tickets for the *Shoreline Shindig*, a springtime waterfront festivity scheduled for the afternoon of May 28, will be available at the museum reception desk. The museum will be open for hourly tours from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about the *Heirloom Plant Sale*, contact Yolima Carr: 757.423.2052 or yc@thfm.org.

HURRAH PLAYERS

Schedule

- The musical *Snow White Goes West* May 19-21.
- Closing the season will be *Shagging on the Beach*, a brand new beach musical revue running July 28-30.

For tickets and info call 627-5437 or Ticketmaster 671-8100. Or visit our web site www.hurrahplayers.com

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

JAMESTOWN

Jamestown 2007 Events

March 29-April 21; September 1-4, 2007

The National Maritime Center will host a visit by the reproduction of John Smith's 1608 shallop, which serves as the centerpiece of an extensive education exhibit about Smith's voyage and the 17th century Chesapeake.

Opening April 2007

The Steel Navy/Jamestown Exposition Exhibit (working title)

This exhibit, developed and produced by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum in conjunction with Nauticus, will examine the period from 1880, when the Navy began to recover from a post-civil war decline, to 1907, when President Theodore Roosevelt sent the Great White Fleet around the world as an affirmation of American naval strength. The exhibit will be located on the third floor of Nauticus.

Premiering April 2007 at Nauticus

An Enduring Legacy: The U.S. Navy and the 1907 Jamestown Exposition. Developed by the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, this 26-minute film traces the importance of the Jamestown Exposition to the region and its influence on the development of the naval station at Sewells Point. The film will be shown primarily in the Jamestown Exposition exhibit area after its debut in the Nauticus theater.

April 2007

President Teddy Roosevelt will engage visitors and explain his reasoning for sending the Great White Fleet on its historic voyage from Hampton Roads.

LANG LANG PIANO RECITAL

Lang Lang Piano Recital

Thursday, April 20, 7:30 PM

Living up to his name, which translates as 'very brilliant', 23 year-old international sensation Lang Lang is one of the most exciting and charismatic artists of our time. His artistry is undeniable; his ability to connect with audiences, renowned.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Ticket prices: \$20-\$50 (plus applicable service charges)

Tickets can be purchased at the Scope Box office and area Ticketmaster outlets.

Charge-by-phone at 757.671.8100 or [online at ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

Discounts for Students, Seniors & Military

For groups of 15 or more call 757-282-2819 for information

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

New Special Exhibit Features Selections From The Macarthur Memorial's Extensive Collection Of World War I And World War II Posters

One of the most powerful and popular communication tools used during World War I and World War II was the poster. By combining advertising and art, private organizations, government agencies and businesses were able to create posters that embraced the American spirit. Images and slogans were designed to evoke a deep sense of family devotion, loyalty to country, traditional values and fear. They called upon every American to wholeheartedly support the war.

America Calls: Poster Art of World War I and World War II features original World War I and World War II posters from the United States, Great Britain, Canada and France that depict the different facets of propaganda used during the era. John Montgomery Flagg, Norman Rockwell and Howard Chandler Christy are among the many well-known artists whose works are exhibited.

In the time before television and radio were found in every home, posters were the most commonly used form of advertising. During times of war, posters were found on nearly every storefront, window and fence. The messages they carried varied from military recruiting efforts to promoting the sale of war bonds to urging conservation of food and other supplies needed for the war effort. The number of posters produced during the World Wars in the United States alone is estimated to be in the millions and in thousands of different designs. While some of the most well-known posters were produced by the U.S. government, businesses such as General Motors also produced patriotic posters for use in its factories to boost employee morale.

Because of the sheer numbers of posters produced during the World Wars, they were popular souvenirs for soldiers and civilians alike, and they remain popular items with militaria collectors as well as art collectors today. Some posters, such as Norman Rockwell's popular *Four Freedoms* series and John Montgomery Flagg's Uncle Sam images, are quite valuable on the collector's market. However, because posters were mostly mass produced, in some cases on inferior paper, they are quite fragile and difficult to find in excellent condition.

The MacArthur Memorial has approximately 450 war posters in its collection, many of which were purchased by the General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in 1974 from noted poster collector Paul Keith. Other posters in the museum's holdings come from a variety of sources, including MacArthur admirers, soldiers who fought under his command, and an interesting collection given to the Memorial by the Larchmont Branch of the Norfolk Public Library.

America Calls is a colorful and patriotic exhibit that reflects a nation's struggle for freedom.

The MacArthur Memorial is open Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. The museum is closed New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Admission is free.

New Exhibit at The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60th Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II

More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial opened a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, examines the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition offers insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

NAUTICUS

1st ANNUAL MATE ROV MID-ATLANTIC REGIONAL COMPETITION

The National Maritime Center and the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary will be hosting the 1st annual MATE ROV Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition. This competition will qualify two teams to move forward and represent our region at the national competition to be held at NASA Headquarters in Houston, June 2006. Teams from mid-Atlantic middle schools and high schools will compete in a series of missions using their specifically designed underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle).

Help us broaden the skills of students in our area and support our local maritime industry by developing a strong future work force. We can use your support to help as a member of our planning committee, program and team mentor, technical expert, team sponsor and as a judge for the spring 2006 competition.

For more information please contact [Christine Arrasate](#) (Nauticus@ TNMC) 757-664-1019 or [Krista Trono](#) (Monitor, NMS) 757-591-7328.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Are you interested in presenting science demonstrations or interpreting hands-on exhibits? If the answer is "yes," then Nauticus has an opportunity for you! We are interested in adults, college students and high school/home school students who are at least 14 years old and can commit to at least four hours one day a week. For more information about Nauticus' volunteer and intern program, please contact Jennifer Rosenberg at (757) 664-1043 or email [Jennifer Rosenberg](#). Visit our [Volunteer web page](#) to download a volunteer application.

SCIENCE CAMPS

Imagine a day of hands-on science activities! Your child will learn that science is involved with everything around us while performing cool experiments and creating awesome make-and-takes.

SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS 2006

General Science Camps

Ages: Completed 1st-3rd Grades

Dates: June 26-30, 2006 and July 10-14, 2006

Times: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (regular) or 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (extended hours)

Price: \$120 Nauticus members; \$135 non-members; \$25 extra for extended care

Your child will enjoy a week of hands-on science activities at camp! This year's topics will include navigation, messy chemistry, beach ecology, fossils/rocks, and battleships. They will learn about different fields of science by performing experiments, making crafts, playing fun games, and interacting with guest speakers.

NEW! Day Camps for Girl Scouts

Session 1:

Junior Girl Scout Finding Your Way Science Camp

Age: Bridging 3rd through 6th grades

Date: June 19-23, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Price: \$120 Nauticus members; \$135 non-members

Earn a *Finding Your Way Badge* while participating in activities that will go towards earning other badges! Topics include navigation, messy chemistry, ecology, fossils, and rocks. Activities will include performing experiments, making crafts, playing fun games, and interacting with guest speakers.

Session 2:

Oceanography Camp

Age: Girl Scouts 11-17 (Completed 6th through 8th grades)

Date: August 7-11, 2006

Time: 8:30-5 p.m.

Price: \$200 Nauticus Members, \$225 Non-Members

Earn a *Studio 2B Making Waves Charm* while participating in hands-on activities that include a beach trip, conducting water quality analyses, boat trip on the Elizabeth River, behind-the-scenes tour, dissection, and even an overnight trip to a local state park. *Note: This will be a co-ed camp*

NEW! NOAA @ Nauticus Hurricane Watchers in the Chesapeake Bay Camp

Age: 9-12 Year Olds

Date: July 17-21, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Price: \$185 Nauticus members; \$200 non-members

Storms are brewing in the Chesapeake Bay! Come explore how hurricanes can affect the whole Bay- the water levels, the chemistry, the geography, and most importantly, the ecosystems. Chase the storm down by learning how they form, what paths they will take, the devastation they cause, and how to be fully prepared through interactive science experiments, games, guest speakers, and even a boat trip on the Chesapeake Bay!

NEW! Kindergarten Science Camp

Age: Completed Kindergarteners

Date: July 24-28, 2006

Time: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Price: \$75 Nauticus members; \$90 non-members

Have a blast learning about science at Nauticus Kindergarten Camp! This year's topics will include navigation, messy chemistry, beach ecology, fossils/rocks, and battleships. They will learn about different fields of science by performing experiments, making crafts, playing fun games, and interacting with guest speakers.

Oceanography Camp

Ages: Completed 6th - 8th Grades

Dates: August 7-11, 2006

Times: 8:30 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

Price: \$200 Nauticus members; \$225 non-members

Join us for an intense week of Oceanography! Topics will include navigation, squid anatomy, aquatic ecosystems, water chemistry, and careers in oceanography. Your child will take an educational boat trip, learn to navigate using GPS and maps, dissect a squid,

participate in a beach collection, interview an oceanographer, explore behind-the-scenes of our aquariums, go canoeing, and even spend the night at False Cape State Park!

To register, please call camp reservations at (757) 664-1010

April 2006

Calendar of Exhibitions, Events, & Programs

Because events are subject to change, please call ahead to confirm. For additional information, call Deidre Harmon at (757) 664-1017 or 1-800-664-1080, ext. 41017. The public may call (757) 664-1000 for information. Events are included in Nauticus admission unless otherwise noted.

Treasures of NOAA's Ark Through September 4, 2006

Explore, discover, and uncover the mysteries of shore, sea, and sky through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) treasure trove of artifacts from America's premier environmental research agency! In a setting reminiscent of a 1930s warehouse, this interactive exhibit will showcase more than 200 artifacts including survey instruments, chronometers, aeronautical charts, maps, photographs and more.

***The Greatest Places Film* Through September 4, 2006**

This exciting digital high-definition film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet. ***The Greatest Places*** will be shown multiple times daily in Nauticus' NEW state-of-the-art, digital high-definition theater. \$5 general admission; \$3 admission for Nauticus members or with ticket purchase.

Ongoing Programs

Saturdays; 10:30 a.m.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live Nurse and Spotted Bamboo sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Weekdays; 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Weekends; 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? Find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekends; 1 p.m.

Cool Science. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in part by BOC Gases.

Weekdays; 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays; 11 a.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Weekends; 12:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool & Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Weekdays; 1 & 4 p.m.

NOAA Science On a Sphere Presentation. Enjoy this exciting and interactive presentation on our newest exhibit, Science On a Sphere. Explore the Earth's surface and learn about weather patterns, how hurricanes are formed, climate conditions around the world, and much more!

Daily; 11:15 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 4:15 p.m.

Aegis. Aegis is an ancient word for shield. It's also the name of the Navy's hi-tech protection system used by destroyers to form a 250-mile-radius shield around a naval battle group. This specially designed command center theater simulates a battle situation, allowing you to feel the weight of command, as you make hair-raising, snap decisions.

Daily; 10:45 a.m., 11:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 3:45 p.m.

Design Chamber: Battleship X. Inside this multi-media interactive theater, match wits with America's best ship designers on the eve of World War II in a race against time to create the greatest battleship ever. If you are a tactical genius, this is the place to show it.

Digital High-Definition Films

Daily; 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.

The Greatest Places. This exciting digital high-definition film takes viewers on a journey of the most geographically dynamic locations on earth—the Amazon, Greenland, Iguazu Falls, the Namib Desert, the Okavango Delta and Tibet. *The Greatest Places* will be shown multiple times daily in Nauticus' NEW state-of-the-art, digital high-definition theater. \$5 general admission; \$3 admission for Nauticus members or with ticket purchase. Call (757) 664-1000 for more information.

Daily; Noon

The Living Sea. This large-format film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas!

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

NEIGHBORHOOD UNIVERSITY

BASIC GRANT WRITING

This two-day course provides detailed instruction on the grant writing process and includes the examination of resources and evaluation of grant applications and guidelines. The informal workshop atmosphere allows participants to ask questions and work one-on-one with the instructor to become successful grant writers. *****Registration begins February 20, 2006.***

Course	Site	Day	Time	Date
Basic Grant Writing	GMB	Tu	6:00pm-9:00pm	4/11 & 18**

ADVANCED GRANT WRITING

Prerequisite: Basic Grant Writing. This two-part course prepares participants for critiquing and revising grant applications and reviews some common reasons that grant proposals are rejected. An instructor-led roundtable allows for practice proposal writing and individual assistance with the grant writing process. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss and evaluate a grant proposal they are writing or have written in the past. ****Registration begins January 23, 2006. **Registration Begins April 3, 2006.***

Course	Site	Day	Time	Date
	DPH	Sa	9:00am-12:00pm	5/6 & 20**

Conflict is a natural part of neighborhood life. Often, the real issue is not the conflict itself but what we do with it. This unique learning experience lays a foundation for neighborhood conflict resolution and helps participants identify creative methods of managing conflict whenever and wherever it may arise. ***Registration begins February 20, 2006.***

Course	Site	Day	Time	Date
Managing Neighborhood Conflict	VCM	Sa	9:00am-4:00pm	4/29

P.L.A.N.N.

PROTECTING LIVES AND NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOODS

The P.L.A.N.N. course has been developed to increase the chances of safety and survival for citizens in the event of natural disaster, terrorist attack or nationwide biological, chemical, and nuclear emergencies. The course will also provide guidelines and knowledge that better prepare participants to deal with general safety issues.

P.L.A.N.N. is the only emergency preparedness course of this nature being offered to citizens in the Hampton Roads vicinity that equips each course participant with the information and resources to devise an individual plan of action.

Norfolk Neighborhood University has partnered with such agencies as the American Red Cross, Norfolk Police Department, Norfolk Fire and Paramedical Services, Norfolk Public Schools, and the Norfolk Public Health Department to offer the most accurate information for this program. ***Registration begins February 20, 2006.***

Course	Site	Day	Time	Date
P.L.A.N.N.	DPH	Sa	9:00am-4:00pm	4/8

CIVIC BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Give your civic association or neighborhood a boost. Enhance the skills, knowledge and tools of your board members. Civic Board Development is a two-day customized,

comprehensive training course designed to accommodate the unique goals and resources of neighborhood associations such as civic leagues. Topics will include governance, meeting facilitation, group dynamics and communication. **Registration begins April 3, 2006.**

Course	Site	Day	Time	Date
Civic Board Development	DPH	W	6:00pm-9:00pm	5/24 & 31

POLICE MUSEUM

Grant Family Treasures Boost Museum Collection; Farewell, Best Wishes to Chief C.D. Grant

For nearly a century, the Grant family has been dedicated to Norfolk public safety. Charles A. Grant became a Norfolk police officer in 1912 and served close to 35 years. His son, Charles D. Grant, was sworn as an officer in 1946 and worked his way up through the ranks to become chief. He retired after 39 years. Chief Grant's wife, Dorothy, was a NPD crossing guard. The Chief's son, Drew, also served as a Norfolk police officer, and his other son, Don, is presently a Norfolk Fire-Rescue battalion chief. C.A. Grant, C.D. Grant, and Drew Grant all wore the same badge set, #151.

Many museums have what is known as a core collection, a basic collection around which a museum grows. When I became NPD Curator in 2000, there were fewer than 300 NPD and Norfolk historical items in the Museum collection. Chief Grant, Dorothy, Don and Drew generously donated the Norfolk Police Museum. This major gift coupled with the existing Museum holdings formed our families, successfully seeking important additions to our collection. Through his efforts and the efforts of numerous others, our collection has grown to more than 5,000 artifacts, documents, and photographs.

After 85 years, Chief Grant left Norfolk on November 30, 2005 to live with Drew and his family in Colorado and Don and his family in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He will be sorely missed. God bless, and God speed.

There are numerous Grant family items currently on display in the Museum, including the badge set. Located in the Police Administration Building, the Norfolk Police Museum exists for you. If you are not able to visit the museum during the normal hours of 0800-1700, Monday through Friday, just e-mail jim@melchor.us or call 423-6592. Special arrangements will be made to open the museum for NPD family members at night, on weekend, or on holidays.

OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Old Dominion University Gallery opens "Lorraine Fink- Gala Exhibition" with a gala reception at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, featuring music by the Tidewater Classical

Guitar Orchestra. The exhibition, which continues through May 28, and reception are free and open to the public.

Influenced by Jungian thought as well as her extensive travels in Asia and Africa, Fink has produced paintings and prints that focus on myths and folk tales as part of a collective consciousness. Her recent work in clay continues in this vein, but explores aspects of shamanism.

Longtime Norfolk resident, Fink holds bachelor and master of fine arts degrees from Old Dominion University. She studied painting with Charles Sibley, printmaking with Ken Daley and recently, clay sculpture with Richard Nickel. She has shown extensively throughout Virginia in one-person and group shows, including exhibitions at the Chrysler Museum of Art, Peninsula Fine Arts Center and the Virginia Museum of Fine Art among others. Her many awards include a Virginia Watercolor Society's Purchase Award at the College of William and Mary, a Miniatures Juror's Choice Award at the Hermitage Foundation Museum and a Tidewater Artist Today painting award at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia.

All of her works will be available for sale and Fink has generously offered to donate all proceeds to benefit the Old Dominion University Art Department and Gallery.

The University Gallery, located at 350 W. 21 St., Norfolk is open noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call 683-2355.

ZOO

Does Your New Year's Resolution Call For Volunteering? The Virginia Zoo Can Help!

The Virginia Zoo is offering a Docent Training Program for those volunteers interested in educating the public about our mission.

Because of their high visibility, Zoo docents have a special opportunity to share their enthusiasm about animals and the Zoo. The Docent Training Program provides a basic preparation for this work through an educational program followed by an animal handling course and mentorship with experienced docents.

Docent training began in January. For more information about this hands on experience or to reserve your spot in the Virginia Zoo's docent training class, please call Pat Clark at 441-2374 ext. 225 or send her an email to Patricia.Clark@norfolk.gov.

As an accredited American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) facility, your Virginia Zoo exhibits over 350 animals, beautifully manicured grounds and offers a fun-filled day for all. For more than a century, the Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to wildlife, conservation and education. Your Virginia Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are

\$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11.
Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

Summer Employment Opportunities

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Open Space has Summer Employment Opportunities available for the following positions:

Lifeguard (25 Positions), #4690, \$10.06/Hr.

Chief Lifeguard, #4689, \$11.90/Hr.

Head Lifeguard, #4688, \$10.75/Hr.

Pool Manager (2 Positions), #4686, \$16.10/Hr.

Intern I \$8.25/Hr and Intern II \$10.30/Hr

Internship applications accepted from April 7 to May 19, 2006

Applications are available in the Department of Human Resources, 100 City Hall Building, 810 Union Street, Norfolk, at any Norfolk Public Library branch or on line at www.norfolk.gov. Additional information on these and other job opportunities can be found on our website, our job-line, 664-4010, Code 353 or by contacting the Department of Human Resources at 664-4486.

NORFOLK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Nuts About Nature!

For Pre--K ages 2-5 years

April 18th, 2006 10-11AM - SOMETHING FROM NOTHING

Reduce, **REUSE**, recycle! Making *Something from Nothing*, kids will learn about their old tennies, how toilet paper can help them stargaze, and keeping clean through reuse.

April 25th, 2006, 10-11AM - GROWING VEGETABLE SOUP

Three sisters Native American gardening ideas will teach about earth-friendly gardening. Kids take home their own mini planting pots!

May 2nd, 2006, 10-11AM - THE LADY AND THE SPIDER

Please bug me! Tots will celebrate helpful insects, learn what worms are for, and create some sweet-smelling deterrents.

May 9th, 2006 10-11AM - WATER DANCE

Through a Native American retelling of the water cycle, little ones will learn about water conservation. Each session includes narration, demo, activity and snack.

Fee (includes child + 1 adult)

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\$3 per session \$15 for package

Place

*Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center
3500-A Granby St., Norfolk, 23504*

Registration & Directions

*Contact **Keep Norfolk Beautiful** at 441-1347*

Environmental Action Awards



Norfolk

Environmental Action Awards

Application for Nominees

Keep Norfolk Beautiful annually recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses, whose ongoing efforts prevent litter, conserve or protect natural resources, improve community waste handling practices and preserve or improve the beauty of natural and urban spaces in Norfolk during the past year.

Award Categories

Nonprofit organizations, schools/youth groups, businesses, and government entities are all eligible to compete in the Awards Program providing that they completed at least one of the following initiatives during the last year:

Clean Business Award –

- Attractive storefront and landscape, utilizing native vegetation and xeriscape techniques
- “Reduce, reuse and recycle” practices in waste management
- Utilizes sustainability practices in managing delivery of service or manufacture/sales of product

Clean City Hero

- An individual who steadfastly demonstrates consistent, persistent, efforts towards a cleaner neighborhood, public space or business district. Types of efforts include, but are not limited to, litter collection, leading cleanups, promoting a cleaner community.

Norfolk Environmental Stewardship Awards–

- A. Excellence in Communication
 - a. Conveys message of stewardship practices and principles
- B. Green Building Pioneer
- C. Rivers & Waterways Protection Award
 - a. Litter prevention
 - b. Wetlands enhancement/restoration
 - c. Water conservation
 - d. Storm water pollution prevention

The Ernie Morgan Award of Service – To be presented to an individual or organization that has made an extraordinary contribution to promoting environmental improvement for Norfolk Citizens.

Application Format and Guidelines

- 1) Please type or print clearly. Use font size 12. Application should not exceed 1500 words. Nomination may be written or typed directly on the attached form or on separate sheets of paper.
- 2) Individuals or groups may nominate themselves. One nominator may submit as many nominations as desired.
- 3) Entries must be based on activities conducted between June 30th, 2005 and June 1st, 2006.
- 4) Entries must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 12th, 2006. Please mail to: Keep Norfolk Beautiful / 3500-A Granby Street / Norfolk, VA 23504 or deliver it to the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center in Lafayette Park (same address).
- 5) Photographs (limit 5); news clips and other documentation may be submitted and are encouraged. No videotapes permitted. Submitted materials will not be returned.
- 6) Please submit 1 copy of the nomination. To conserve paper, double sided pages are preferred. No binders please. Send applications through the US postal service; do not fax.

*Winning entries will be recognized at the Clean City Awards Picnic on Friday, June 23rd,
4pm
at the Ernie Morgan Environmental Action Center in Lafayette Park.
Questions? Call 441-1347*

Norfolk Environmental Action Awards Clean City Hero Entry Form

Submit one per Nominee

The Clean City Hero is a person who has individually led or carried out a consistent and steadfast effort to improve the natural environment in his/her neighborhood, organization, school or business. This person rarely seeks acknowledgement and shares a positive view about environmental stewardship with others in the community.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address of Nominee: _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Type of Activity: (please circle one)

- a. Litter collection
- b. Cleanup leader
- c. Clean community promotion
- d. Other

Person submitting nomination (if different from Nominee):

a. Name and Title: _____

b. Mailing Address: _____

c. Daytime Telephone Number: _____

d. Signature: _____

(Entry Questionnaire

If more space is needed, additional sheets of paper may be attached to this page. Use of this page is not required if answers are numbered and given in the same order as questions below. Do not exceed 1,500 total words. Descriptions should address the award category being nominated.

- 1) Describe the program and the activities conducted by the nominee that helped the environment.

- 2) What impact (results) did the activities have on the environment? (*Be as factual as possible; quantifiable results are preferred.*)

- 3) Who participated? (*Number of participants and key leaders, if applicable.*)

Norfolk Environmental Action Awards Environmental Stewardship Award Entry Form

Submit one per Nominee

The Stewardship Award is presented to an individual or group that has excelled in improving the natural environment in Norfolk through one or more of the following efforts: Increasing or enhancing public communications about environmental stewardship; Actions that resulted in the building or renovation of public or private buildings in a more sustainable way; Protection of Norfolk's rivers, tributaries, marshes or other natural waterways.

Name of Nominee - Individual or Organization: _____

Address of Nominee: _____
Street City Zip Code

Phone Number: _____ Fax: _____

Award Category: (please circle one)

- e. Excellence in Communication
- f. Green Building Pioneer
- g. Rivers & Watershed Protection

Person who would represent organization at awards ceremony (Name and Title):

Person submitting nomination (if different from Nominee):

a. Name and Title: _____

b. Mailing Address: _____

c. Daytime Telephone Number: _____

d. Signature: _____

(please see reverse side)

Entry Questionnaire

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- 1) Describe the program and the activities conducted by the nominee that helped the environment.

- 4) What impact (results) did the activities have on the environment? (*Be as factual as possible; quantifiable results are preferred.*)

- 5) Who participated? (*Number of participants and key leaders, if applicable.*)

**2006 NEIGHBORHOOD
LITTER CLEANUP & BEAUTIFICATION
REGISTRATION FORM FOR GROUPS**

GROUP INFORMATION

NAME OF GROUP OR ORGANIZATION: _____

CLEANUP LEADER: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

DAY PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

THIS WILL BE A _____ CLEANUP _____ BEAUTIFICATION

CLEANUP/BEAUTIFICATION INFORMATION

LOCATION:

Describe the area(s) your group plans to collect litter and debris. Be as specific as possible. Maps or diagrams attached to this form are encouraged.

DATES: _____

TIME: _____ START _____ FINISH

RAIN DATE? **Y** **N** WHEN? _____

NUMBER OF ADULT VOLUNTEERS (18 OR OLDER) EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE:

NUMBER OF YOUTH VOLUNTEERS (12-17) EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE*:

- *All youth volunteers (under 18) must obtain a parent's or guardian's written permission to participate and must have adequate adult supervision during the cleanup. Separate permission slips are available from the NEC.*

WHAT WILL BE YOUR CLEANUP PUBLICITY FOR VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT?

(Circle all that apply)

Announcements at meetings

Word of Mouth

Door-to- Door Flyers

Phone Tree

Posters

Newspaper Ad

Banners /Large signs

Radio or TV

Newsletter

SUPPLIES AND SUPPORT REQUESTED

We request the following supplies for our cleanup (*check all that apply*):

☐ 30-33 GALLON TRASH BAGS

☐ WORK GLOVES

☐ ORANGE SAFETY VESTS

☐ CREW WORKING SIGN(S)

☐ SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION (*Check all that are requested*)

☐ *Collection at specific locations by the City Division of Waste Management. All collected litter and debris must be placed at the curb near a public street. Please provide a list of locations (street blocks or cross streets) where the trash will be placed. The Group Leader may call in additional locations to the NEC Office after the cleanup.*

☐ *Dumpster - A diagram showing the specific location for the placement of the dumpster must be provided with this form. If on private property, owner's permission is required. Tires, timbers longer than 10 feet and hazardous wastes are not permitted to be placed in or near the dumpster. Your Group must off load dumpsters that are over filled.*

☐ *Household Bulk Waste Neighborhood Sweep (Spring '04 only) – Civic organizations may request a one-time neighborhood-wide pickup of household bulk waste for the Monday following the weekend cleanup.*